

# Spring Street, USA Schedules Top Christian Entertainers

By Sandy Simmons  
NASHVILLE (BP) — Minnie Pearl's famous "How-w-dee" echoed through the Nashville television studio. She went into a song about her old chug-chugging washing machine, accompanied by animated sounds by comedian Jimmy Riddle.

## Young Named BP Feature Editor

NASHVILLE (BP) — James Lee Young of Mill Valley, Calif., has been named to the newly created position of Feature Editor of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.



He will begin duties in Nashville, Oct. 1, according to W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press.

Young, 30, a student at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, has served since March as media representative for Family Stations, Inc., an Oakland-based company which operates a string of radio stations in six major metropolitan areas.

Mrs. Katherine Bengtson Chute, 22, a former copy writer for Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC, will also join Baptist Press, Oct. 1, as editorial assistant. She will work with Robert O'Brien, who became Baptist Press News Editor, Aug. 15, succeeding Jim Newton.

Mrs. Chute, a native of Brookhaven, Miss., is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. She is married to Michael D. Chute, information specialist for the SBC Sunday School Board's public relations office.

Miss Teena Andrews, 22, currently a BP editorial assistant, will work with Young.

Before joining Family Stations, Inc. a Christian radio operation, Young served for two and a half years as director of news and information services at Golden Gate Seminary.

Young formerly reported for the San Diego Evening Tribune and managed a news and public relations office.

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## State Cooperative Receipts Up 15.5 Per Cent For 1973

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first eight months of this year, through August, totaled \$3,594,374, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$481,295 or 15.5 percent over the \$3,113,079 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for August totaled \$518,815 an increase of \$58,167 or 12.6 percent over the \$460,648 given in August of last year.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

The two country music performers were not filming for their regular syndicated show, Hee Haw, but for Southern Baptists' weekly syndicated television show, Spring Street, USA.

Minnie Pearl talked with the show's host, Houston pastor Ken Chafin, about her personal life and Christian faith.

"I grew up in a Christian home," she said. "All through my show business career, my Christian upbringing has given me the strength I needed. There are a lot of temptations in this business, and a strong Christian faith is needed to resist them."

Part of the ministry of Spring Street, USA, which will air on 34 television stations from Seattle to Panama City, Fla., by September 16, is to present well-known personalities who portray their Christian faith

through personal testimony, singing or acting performances.

Many, such as Minnie Pearl, grew up in Christian homes. Others, such as singer Wanda Jackson, have just recently discovered the Christian lifestyle. Still others, such as last season's guest stars, former astronaut James Irwin and singer Pat Boone, have committed their careers to religious service.

Dark-haired Wanda Jackson, a country music singer and Oklahoma native, expressed how much her new found Christian faith has meant to her.

She and her husband, long-time members of South Lindsey Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, were not very active.

A new pastor came to the church, recognized Miss Jackson's name and asked why he had never seen her in church.

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## Annual World Missions Rally Held At Camp Garaywa

Baptists from every section of the state were present for the annual World Mission Rally held Sept. 8 at Camp Garaywa, sponsored by the WMU and Brotherhood Departments. In photo at left Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-elect of State Convention Board, and one of principal speakers, (at left) is greeted by Miss Marjean Patterson, State WMU Secretary and Rev. E. L. Howell, State Brotherhood director. In center photo Dr. Jesse

Fletcher, of Foreign Mission Board, is seen speaking to assembly. In picture at right Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Thurman, missionaries to Bangladesh, in center in Bangladesh attire, show several items from that country to several present, Miss Waudine Storey, Girls in Action and Mission Friends director in WMU Department, (at left) and two young people, Karen Ballew, Senatobia, and Terry Evans, Ocean Springs.

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## Convention Board Will Meet In Jackson September 24-25

The annual principal business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Sept. 24-25, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo is president of the body and will preside.

The 100-member Board is scheduled to adopt a Cooperative Program budget for 1974, hear reports of all phases of its work and make recommendations to be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson Nov. 13-15 at the First Baptist Church.

The Board will also hear a report from the Gulfshore Restoration Fi-

nance Campaign, Dr. David Grant, Jackson, chairman.

Other officers of the Board are Ralph Reeves, McComb, vice-president, and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, recording secretary.

The Board will convene at 2:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn when it completes its work, possibly Monday night or Tuesday morning, Dr. Hudgins said.

The Executive Committee will meet Monday morning in the Executive Committee room prior to the meeting of the full Board.

The Board is the official agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, appointed by the Convention to carry out its mission program as well as other assignments.

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## Two Rural Church Seminars Planned

Two regional Baptist Rural Church Seminars for pastors will be held in the state Sept. 18-21, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, Jackson, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor.

The first seminar will be held at Roosevelt State Park near Morton Sept. 18-19, with the second to be conducted at Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs Sept. 20-21, it was revealed by Therman V. Bryant, associate in the department, who will direct the two seminars.

Each meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the first day and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. the second day.

Bible study at the first seminar will be conducted by Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman, Division of Religion at Mississippi College, while Bible study at the second meeting will be led by Dr. James L. Travis, chairman, Division of Biblical and Associated Studies, Blue Mountain College.

The program will include Bible stu-

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## Cooper Hosts Dinner For Black Baptist Leaders

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — It's not usually newsworthy when one Mississippian hosts a dinner for another native Mississippian — except when one is black and the other white and both serve as presidents of nationwide Baptist conventions.

"Twenty years ago, I wouldn't have had a part in this," Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., said at a dinner he hosted for L. Venchael Booth, a native Mississippian and president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, during the PNBC's annual convention here.

"If I can change anybody can change," Cooper told 30 PNBC officials and leaders of the Mississippi (Southern) Baptist Convention at the dinner.

He credited "the grace of God, the changes of time and my family" with influencing his change.

It was the first time a SBC president ever hosted a dinner for the leadership of a national (black) Baptist convention, said Emmanuel McCall, of the Home Mission Board's department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists.

Booth, who also serves alongside Cooper as a vice president of the Bap-

tist World Alliance, told the group that through Cooper, "We have been brought closer together than perhaps ever before."

"In your concern for giving us the tools to carry on the Lord's work, you have been too timid in the past," Booth told the Southern Baptists.

"You must continue to use your peculiar endowment of money and faith to do good," said Booth, who is listed by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 most influential blacks in the United States.

Cooper told the leaders and later told the assembled PNBC messengers in an address of "greetings" that "We (the SBC) can't get any new missionaries into Nigeria, but I think you can."

And if a door is closed to one Christian group and open to another Christian group, the mantle of responsibility falls on your shoulders."

After his remarks to the PNBC, which has some churches also aligned with the SBC, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper flew to bring greetings to the other two major black Baptist conventions: the National Baptist Convention, Inc. meeting in Los Angeles and the National Baptist Convention of America meeting in Chicago, concurrently.

## Mission Contributions Of SBC Continue To Climb

NASHVILLE (BP) — Showing a \$2.1 million increase over the first 11 months of the 1971-72 fiscal year, gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention continued to increase through August.

When the fiscal year closes at the end of September, SBC officials feel the convention will not only reach the 1972-73 operating goal of \$31,826,184 for 19 SBC national agencies, but also may surpass all capital funds needs through 1973.

Gifts of Baptist church members through the SBC Cooperative Program through August totaled \$30,903,115 according to figures released by John H. Williams, SBC finance planning director.

That's an increase of \$2,165,628 — or 7.54 percent — over 11 months totals last year.

"Southern Baptists' generous contributions should make it possible not only to reach the operating budget but also to pay the \$211,698 due on the 1971-72 capital funds and the \$1,050,000 in 1972-73 capital funds," said Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

"This may make it possible for the first time in many years to catch up on capital funds due and have some advance funds to help meet the erosion of inflation," Routh said.

"This increase in Cooperative Program funds will be especially helpful in face of the devaluation of the U. S. dollar overseas."

Southern Baptists gave an additional \$28,629,824 in designated gifts, including contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated giving for the first 11 months was up \$3,042,317 over the same period last year.

That's an increase of 11.89 percent.

Combined world missions contributions, including both designations and Cooperative Program gifts for the first 11 months, totaled \$59,532,993 — a 9.59 percent increase of \$5,207,946

over the same period last year through August.

For the month of August alone, both Cooperative Program receipts and designated giving showed large increase over August, 1972.

August's Cooperative Program receipts, inflated by checks from several state conventions which failed to arrive in time for the July tabulation, totaled \$2,834,045.

That's an increase of \$452,913 — or 19.02 percent — over last August.

Meanwhile designations for this August jumped 34.05 percent over last August, rising from \$305,883 to \$410,038.

Designations and Cooperative Program gifts were up 20.73 percent in August, rising \$557,068 from \$2,687,015 last August to \$3,244,083 this August.

## 'Hope' Is Theme For Retreat For Single Parents Sept. 28-29

"Hope means Helping One Parent Effectively," Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, stated in announcing the theme of the Single Parents Retreat to be held at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, September 28-29.



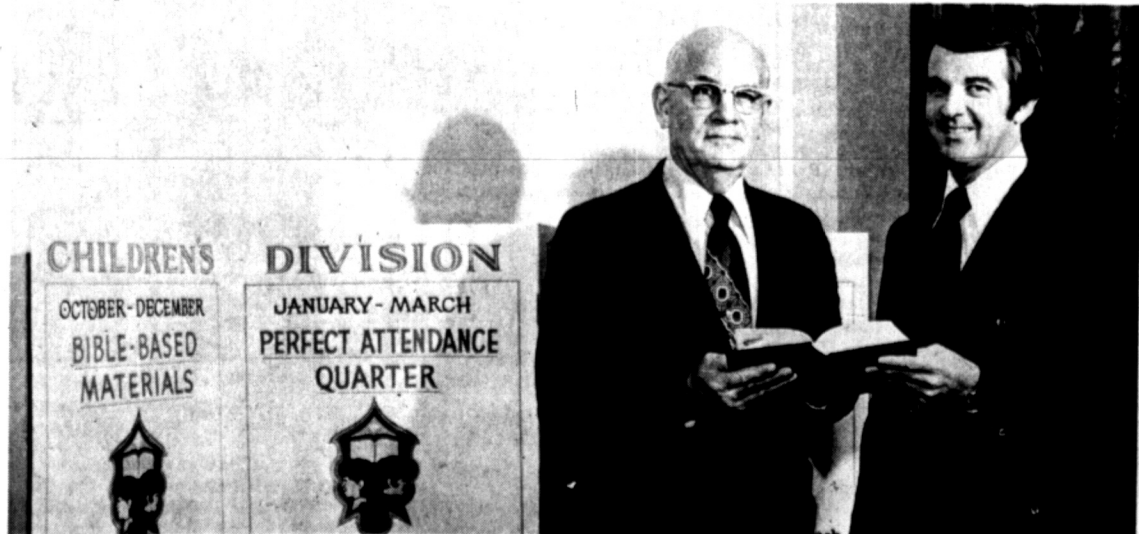
Dr. Pat Clendinning, counseling minister of Second Ponce DeLeon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. will serve as the chief resource person.

Dr. Clendinning will deal with such subjects as "Coping With Perplexing Personal Problems," "Coping With Children's Emotional Needs," and "Restoring Identity, Zest and Wholeness."

Dr. Clendinning is a native of McComb, a graduate of Millsaps College and Southwestern Seminary. He served for six years as a foreign missionary, teaching at the Baptist

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## Sunday School Children's Division Emphasis Planned



RIDGECREST, N.C.—James L. Sullivan (left), president of the Sunday School Board, and Robert G. Fulbright, supervisor of the children's section of the Sunday School department hold a copy of the Promotion

Day Bible to be presented to children entering the Children's Division on the first Sunday of October. This is part of the new Sunday School department plan to emphasize an age division each year.

RIDGECREST, N. C. — A new Sunday School project proposing an annual age division emphasis was introduced recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

From October, 1973, to September, 1974, the Children's Division of Sunday School will be highlighted as the beginning of the new Sunday School department emphasis.

Persons attending Sunday School Leadership Week at Ridgecrest Conference Center viewed a twenty minute multimedia presentation explaining major points of the project and how it could strengthen Bible teaching in children's departments in the churches represented.

This emphasis is to give special support and recognition to Sunday School age division at regular intervals. Adults will be spotlighted in the 1974-1975 year.

Children from six to eleven years old, grades one through six, compose

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# Children's Division Emphasis Planned

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the one and one-half million enrolled in the Children's Division of Sunday School.

Work in this emphasis will be done primarily by the children's section of the Sunday School department. Robert G. Fulbright is supervisor of the section.

Periodical support, special field service projects, promotional items and general support from the entire Sunday School department will be combined for each emphasis.

In addition to the on-going program of Children's Sunday School work, four quarterly emphases will

be promoted during the 1973-74 year.

The first quarterly emphasis, from October to December, 1973, will be on Bible-based children's curriculum materials. Churches will be encouraged to present a Promotion Day Bible to each child entering the Children's Division the first Sunday in October.

Perfect attendance in each of the Children's departments will be the emphasis in the second quarter, with special recognition being given each child with perfect attendance. Curriculum material will undergird this emphasis.

A church-home emphasis will highlight the April to June quarter, encouraging strong ties between the church and home.

Worker appreciation will conclude the quarterly emphases for the year.

Included in the field service support activities are a multimedia presentation for seminary students, seminary guest lecturers, and five regional Child Life Conferences. "Teaching Children the Bible," is the title of the 15-20 minute multimedia presentation, which is designed to deepen appreciation for Bible teaching with children. The Children's section will present this in chapel at the six seminaries in the fall of 1973.

The purpose of the Child Life Conferences is to train experienced workers to assist states and associations in on-going Children's work. The Southeastern Child Life Conference will

be held in Lake Yale, Fla., March 25-27, 1974; Eastern Child Life Conference, Eagle Eyrie, Va., April 22-24, 1974; Central States Child Life Conference, Jefferson City, Mo., April 17-19, 1974; Southwestern Child Life Conference, Glorieta, N. M., February 11-13, 1974, and Western Child Life Conference, Asilomar, Calif., May 13-15, 1974.

Field services support also will include assistance to state conventions during the 1973-74 year and a National Conference on Children Reached

Through Bus Outreach. The Bus Conference is scheduled for August 22-23, 1974, at St. John's Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Promotional literature available includes two free leaflets. One lists Bible verses and Bible passages that children are encouraged to learn while in the Children's Division and the other explains the Children's Division emphases, 1973-74. Both leaflets are available from state Sunday School departments.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

A meeting of special workers in the State Sunday School Department from over the state was held at the Baptist Building Sept. 6-7, under leadership of Rev. Bryant Cummings, director. A section of those in attendance is seen above in the chapel.

## Brotherhood Publication Gets New Name And New Format

MEMPHIS (BP) — The Baptist Men's Journal, monthly magazine of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, will change both its name and format beginning in November.

World Mission Journal, the new name of the publication for Baptist laymen, will be published monthly — four times a year in the current magazine format (during the first month of each quarter) and eight times a year in a tabloid newspaper format (during the two succeeding months of each quarter).

Purpose of the change is "to inform, inspire and motivate Baptist laymen to become personally involved in missions to a greater degree than ever before possible," said Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission.

Jim Newton, new editor of the Journal and director of the communications department for the commission's men's division, said the agency hopes to boost the circulation of World Mission Journal from its current 55,000 to more than 250,000 by reducing the production costs, lowering subscription rates and conducting a mass circulation campaign.

"Our approach, a new concept in Southern Baptist missions reporting, will triple the amount of space available for human interest, including as many as 40 to 50 stories an issue aimed at telling laymen the total scope of missions — foreign, home, state, associational and local.

"We will not limit missions coverage to a geographical area," said Newton, former assistant director of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McCullough and W. J. Isbell, director of the commission's men's division, said the idea has prompted positive response from the SBC's Home and Foreign Mission Board, which will participate in planning and development.

Walker Knight, editor of Home Mission magazine, and Jesse C. Fletcher, missions support division director for the Foreign Mission Board, will serve as contributing editors.

The announcement on the new



The "Baptist Men's Journal," monthly publication of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission is getting a new name and a new format. Beginning in November, it will become "World Mission Journal." New Editor Jim Newton (right) in features the columns on a mockup of the new publication while Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough beams his approval. (BP) Photo by Steve Wall.

direction for the publication came only a month after the commission had formally withdrawn a request to the SBC Executive Committee to establish a subsidiary corporation relationship with Lay Ministries, Inc., of Arlington, Tex., which publishes a tabloid newspaper called Mission Action News.

McCullough said the commission had decided to follow the advice of

several editorials in Baptist state papers which said the convention does not need another new publication but to improve and better utilize the ones it already has.

World Mission Journal will continue to provide curriculum and program material for Baptist Men's units in Baptist churches in both the magazine and tabloid format.

## Pacific Garden Mission Has Welcomed Six Million

Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission, the nation's second oldest rescue mission, marks its 96th anniversary on September 15, 1973. Its doors have never been closed even for a day since its founding in 1877, six years after the great Chicago fire had sent most churches to the City's outskirts, according to Harry G. Saulnier, Superintendent.

In its 96 years the Mission has welcomed an estimated six million persons. Executives, lawyers, doctors, and scientists have joined cooks, sailors, common panhandlers, and crooks in walking to the prayer room as audiences have burst into singing such familiar invitation songs as "Just As I Am" and "Jesus, I Come." In its 96th year, 1,945 persons made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

## James Young Named BP Feature Editor

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eration for the U. S. Navy Seabees in Gia Le, Vietnam, and Gulfport, Miss.

He also was minister of music at First Baptist Church, San Rafael, Calif., for two years.

A native of Oklahoma, Young earned a journalism degree from California State University, San Diego, where he served as Baptist Student Union president and was managing editor of the school's daily newspaper. He was cited for achievement by both the school's journalism department and Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic society.

He has completed 30 hours toward a master's degree in religious education from Golden Gate Seminary.

Young will be responsible for feature and interpretive articles released through Baptist Press to the 33 Baptist state papers, the religious press and secular news media.

Young is married to the former Glenda Charlene Melton of El Cajon, Calif.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

New Elbethel (Lafayette): August 19-24; two professions of faith; 12 rededications; Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, new pastor, evangelist; Mrs. Travis Patterson, singer; Mrs. Jimmy Lockwell, pianist.

## Church Buildings Damaged By Quake, Floods In Mexico

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Several Baptist church buildings and homes of many church members were damaged in the earthquake that struck South Central Mexico Aug. 27 and in a flood a week earlier in Irapuato in Central Mexico, according to David Daniell, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Reports indicated no harm to property of Southern Baptist representatives — just local Mexican Baptists.

Although worship services were held Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Baptist church in Calpan, the building was so damaged structurally by the earthquake the government condemned it.

"It will take at least \$40,000 to rebuild and repair these church buildings and homes," said Agustin Acosta, promoter of missions for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

Eduardo De La Flor, president of the Central Baptist Association, Acosta and Daniell toured the earthquake area, observing Baptist families living in the open air until they could secure some free building materials from the government.

A Baptist church in San Gabriel, Chiac, suffered extensive damage and, according to Daniell, will probably need to be rebuilt. The church's pastor, Lazaro Gonzales, said, "Things were falling all over the place and pure instinct told us to get under the bed for protection."

We recalled the recent earthquake in Nicaragua and the extensive damage and suffering there and wanted to visit all the church members immediately," he continued. "All were in Sunday School this morning, praising God and content to be alive."

A doctor whose husband is pastor of the church in Tehuacan said the most urgent need among earthquake victims is not food and clothing but architects, contractors and bricklayers to help reconstruct homes and churches.

Carlos Medellin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Puebla, having returned from a medical mission trip to the stricken area, said the tragedy had opened doors to witness about the love of God.

## France Forbids

## The Filming Of Controversial Movie

PARIS (RNS) — The French government has issued a ban on the filming of an "erotic" Danish movie, "The Love Life of Jesus," on French territory.

A Danish company, under producer-director Jens Joergen Thorsen, was scheduled to start shooting, the first week of September, in the town of Apt, in the Provence region of southern France.

The decision to ban the filming was announced here Aug. 28 by Andre Astoux, general director of the French cinema authority.

"The decision was made," said Mr. Astoux, "because we felt the film would be an act of blasphemy."

"There are millions of Christians throughout the world to whom Jesus Christ is the living God," he added, "and man's faith in God — no matter what his belief — deserves respect."



## Nutt Speaks At Carey

William Carey College hosted nationally famous Southern Baptist humorist, Grady Nutt, left, as featured speaker for the opening convocation for the 1973-74 school year on the Hattiesburg campus. Shown chatting with Nutt following his presentation is Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of Carey's department of religion. The special convocation held at the Chapel Hour was followed in the evening by an entertainment period sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

## Immanuel, Columbus, To Sponsor Bus Seminar

A Church Bus Seminar will be held September 14, 15, and 16 at Immanuel Church, 503-18th Avenue North, Columbus. Seminars will be conducted by Dr. Bill Powell (pictured) of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. All churches are invited.

Dr. Horace Fair, Immanuel pastor, states that the following schedule has been arranged: Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday: 9:15-11 a.m., 1:15-4:30 p.m., and 7-8:45 p.m.; Sunday: 9:45 to 11, Sunday School, and 6:15 to 7, Training Union. Also Dr. Powell will preach on the bus ministry in both morning and evening services Sunday.

## Hardy Calls Miss Carley

Linda Sue Carley (pictured) has accepted a call from Hardy Church as minister of music. On September 2 a reception was given in her honor.

Miss Carley was born at Yazoo City. She has attended Holmes Jr. College, William Carey College, Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, and Mississippi College where she expects to receive her B.A. in Church Music.

For the past three summers she has been serving with the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall, director. This service has led Miss Carley from the outlying areas of New York City to the Gulf Coast, where she has served as music coordinator and presented concerts in churches. She has also served as soloist for the James Watson Evangelistic Association and has been guest soloist in many churches.

In May 1972 she was voted by the music faculty of Mississippi College to receive the Juliette Burnette Scholarship for the most promising church music major.

Mr. Astoux said he would have taken a similar course of action "if the prophets or divinities of whatever other religion were to be treated in a similar blasphemous manner."

## Two Rural Church Seminars Planned



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dy, panel discussions, inspirational messages, music, recreation and fellowship, with pastors and superintendents of missions from over the state appearing on program.

Those to speak at Roosevelt Park seminar include: Rev. Holmes Carlisle, Forest; Rev. Foy Killingsworth, Mount Olive; Rev. Tom Dunlap; Puckett; Dr. R. A. Herrington, Louis-

ville; Rev. George Lee, Columbia; Rev. L. C. Anthony, Prentiss; Rev. Reese Kyzar, Rolling Fork; Rev. Cecil E. Hubbard, Summit; Rev. Fred Bollen, Hazlehurst; Rev. Maurice Flowers, Laurel; Rev. James Parker, Meridian; Rev. Ken Anderson, DeKalb; Rev. James Carr, Tchula; Rev. Wilson Murray, Brandon; Rev. W. C. Blanton, Vicksburg; Rev. Howard Curbow, Carthage; Rev. John

Lee, Jackson; Rev. Charlie Bryant, Raleigh; Rev. Howard Davis, Louin; Rev. Kermit Sharp, Philadelphia; Rev. B. B. McGee, Ackerman; Rev. J. P. Brock, Pickens.

Those on program at Wall Doxey State Park will be: Rev. Garland Eaves, Golden; Rev. Harold Anderson, Tupelo; Rev. Arthur Leslie, Oxford; Rev. Henning Andrews, Pontotoc; Rev. Wallace Pannell, Baldwyn; Rev. S. W. Davis, Jr., Water Valley; Rev. Gowan Ellis, Sherman; Rev. Ken Pickens, Vardaman; Rev. Finley Evans, Grenada; Rev. Earl Ezell, Amory; Rev. James Harvey, Walnut; Rev. Joe Epting, Potts Camp; Rev. Arlin Richardson, Hickory Flat; Rev. W. C. Gann, Corinth; Rev. Enoch Purvis, New Albany; Rev. Charles Jones, Grenada; Rev. James Bryant, Darling; Rev. John Paul Jones, McCondy; Rev. Phillip Caples, Sardis; Rev. Ervin Brown, Hernando; Rev. Horace Thomas, Fulton.

Each camp can handle about seventy men. A five dollar reservation fee mailed to Rev. Therman V. Bryant, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39206 will assure the individual of a place. The Cooperative Missions Department will take care of remaining expenses at the seminar.

Those attending will, however, need to furnish their own bed linen, pillow, towel, wash cloth, etc.

## Program Personalities: Roosevelt Park



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Davis



Carlisle



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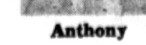
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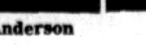
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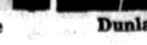
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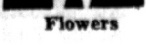
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## Program Personalities: Wall Doxey State Park Seminar



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Bryant



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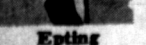
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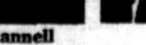
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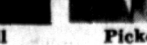
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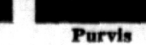
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## Names In The News

Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, will represent Mississippi at a conference for state chairmen of Christian Higher Education Committees in Nashville, September 17. The major purpose of the conference is to establish cooperative priorities and goals between the SBC's Education Commission and the various state committees. Another purpose is preparation for promotion of the denomination's "Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day" in February, 1974.

Jason Douglas Carlisle, son of emeritus missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., married Susan Langston Aug. 4 in Jackson, Miss. Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle, who served as missionaries to Uruguay for 29 years, may be addressed at Drawer C, Ethel, La. 70730. He is a native of Wesson, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey, missionaries to Israel, may be addressed at the Baptist Theological Seminary, 8803 Ruschlikon, Switzerland, where he will serve as a visiting professor until Jan. 5.

Bill R. Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton, received the Ph.D. degree in History during the summer commencement exercises at Mississippi State University. Ordained by First Church, Pontotoc, he began his ministry at Calro Church. He has served as youth director at First, Columbia; assistant pastor of First, Gulfport; pastor of Mantee Church and First, Calhoun City. He became pastor of Clinton's First Church in March, 1973. Active in the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Baker holds the BS degree from Mississippi State University; BD degree from New Orleans Seminary; and MA degree in Philosophy from the University of Mississippi. His doctoral dissertation is titled "Catch the Vision—the Life of Henry L. Whitfield of Mississippi." (Whitfield, a dedicated Baptist layman, served the state of Mississippi as State Superintendent of Education, President of Mississippi State College for Women and Governor.) Dr. Baker is married to the former Madeline Jill Applewhite of Columbia.



Don Savell, of Pascagoula is entering the field of full-time evangelism. He surrendered to the call to preach at the age of 16 and has pastored churches in central and southern Mississippi and is presently pastor of First Church, Orange Grove, Pascagoula, where his ministry will be terminating September 30. Rev. Arzone Burns, pastor, Four Mile Creek, Pascagoula, states, "This young man has a real burden to see revival in our churches in America and I have especially noticed this in his preaching as well as the many times we have been together in the prayer room. I would like to encourage any pastor or church to use this young God-called man."



The William Carey College School of Music has announced the awarding of five music grants to five additional new music students. The five scholarship winners include: Donna Thomason of Pensacola, Florida; Lin Wilson of Columbia; Terry Johnson of Terry; Diane Addison of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and Danny Von Kanel of Pascagoula.



John W. Wald (right) of Hattiesburg was one of 55 persons who participated in a writers workshop at the Sunday School Board recently. The workshop was designed to aid persons in developing skills for writing articles for church-related publications or for curriculum writing for the board. Shown with Wald are James C. Hefley (left), free-lance writer who served as lecturer and consultant for the workshop, and Lynn M. Davis Jr., workshop director and manuscript analyst in the board's church services and materials division. A similar workshop will be conducted next summer.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcutt, missionaries to Japan, have a new furlough address (130 S. Wingate St., Wake Forest, N. C. 27587). He is a native of Lincoln County, Miss.

Dr. Mary Jane Myers of the Science Faculty of Clarke College was invited to lead a grade level section during the September 8 "Go Metric" Workshop at East Central Junior College in Decatur. The workshop was sponsored by The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television and the State Department of Education.



Eddie Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Graves of Ripley, recently surrendered to the ministry, during worship services at First Church, Ripley. He is a sophomore at Mississippi College. Now a member of First Church, Jackson, he has been active in the music program there. He was among those in the Youth Choir from First, Jackson who recently toured Washington, D. C. and New York City singing in high schools and churches along the way. Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor of



First Church, Ripley, presented the license to him on Wednesday night, August 15.

Rev. Jerry File, who has been pastor of Calvary Church, Yazoo City, for 3½ years, on August 27 assumed new duties as



associate pastor and minister of education at Oakhaven Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. File previously was pastor of churches in Leland, Mississippi and Sanger, Texas. He is a 1969 graduate of Southwestern Seminary with a M.Div. degree. He is married and the father of two children ages 5 and 9.

Dr. Franklin Atkinson, former pastor of several churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, recently joined the faculty at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex., as an assistant professor in the Department of Religion. In Mississippi he served Santa Rosa, Picayune; Woolmarket, Biloxi; and First, Bay St. Louis.

## Spring Street, USA Schedules Top Christian Entertainers

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The entire church began praying for Wanda and her husband Wendell Goodman, in June of 1971 both made professions of faith. Their new decision meant sacrificing the night club circuit, which represented 70 to 80 percent of their income.

### Convention Board - - -

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The Executive Committee will be presided over by Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, chairman.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer-elect of the board, will also be present.

He will become executive secretary-treasurer of the board on Nov. 14, following the retirement of Dr. Hudgins on the evening of Nov. 13 at the State Convention.

Other Members of the Executive Committee are Dr. Hamblin; Mr. Reeves; Dr. Barnes; Bill Hardy, Kosciusko; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage; Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville.

Ex-officio members of the Board and executive committee are Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Grant, State Convention president.

The Cooperative Program budget to be presented to the board was recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

Members of the Budget Committee are Dr. Barnes, chairman; George Estes, Jr., Gulfport; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; Mr. Perry and Dr. Grant.

### Newport To Speak In

#### Yazoo City On Demonology

Dr. John Newport, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Seminary since 1952, will be in First Church, Yazoo City, for the week-end of September 14-16. He will be there at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. James Yates, to discuss "Demonology."

In recent months, particularly, a great deal has been written in secular and religious magazines about "The Occult."

Dr. Newport is the author of numerous articles which have appeared in journals, encyclopedias, and books. His most recent book is, *Demons, Demons*, published by Broadman Press.

Sessions for the week-end will be held Friday night, September 14, at 7:30; Saturday morning at 10:00; Saturday evening at 7:30. Sunday morning he will meet with a group during the Sunday School hour and will preach at the morning worship service.

### Swilley Named Vice

#### President By Mercer

ATLANTA (BP)—Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., president of Atlanta Baptist College before it merged with Mercer University, Macon, Ga., has been named vice president for long range university development by Mercer. Following the merger, Atlanta Baptist College became Mercer University in Atlanta.

Swilley, who will work out of an Atlanta office, served as pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, 1945-68, before assuming the Atlanta Baptist College presidency.

However, she has become more and more popular as guest singer in churches and at civic functions.

"I find everybody's eager to hear good things that have happened in someone's life. It's a real thrill to me to share my testimony," she said.

As she goes on tour throughout the United States and sometimes to foreign countries, she says it's different. "I'll take Jesus with me this time."

An award-winning country music singer, Miss Jackson has recorded such songs as Right or Wrong, In the Middle of a Heartache, Little Bitty Tear, and Fancy Satin Pillows.

Spring Street, USA, includes not only country music singers such as Minnie Pearl, Miss Jackson and Grammy award winner Charlie McCoy, but also Lawrence Welk Show veteran Jim Roberts, former Miss America Vonda Van Dyke and others.

Rhythm and blues singer Freddie North, another Spring Street, USA guest, and a Baptist himself, said that any time someone in a religious production thinks "enough of me to ask me to be in it, I will. What really clicked with me was that it was a Baptist program."

North, who recorded such popular hits as Don't Take Her (She's All I've Got) and Rainy Night in Georgia, comes from a long line of gospel singers.

"My father and his group, called

Deacon Freddie B. Carpenter and the LK Gospel Singers, were one of the top black gospel groups in the Nashville area then," North said.

"The first time I ever sang in public, I remember, was at church with my father. I was so small they put me up on a platform so I would be nearly as tall as my father."

Miss Van Dyke gained overnight stardom through her talents as a ventriloquist and her beauty. Just before she was crowned Miss America several years ago, she had explained to an audience of millions of Americans why she carried her Bible with her.

"I don't consider my Bible a good luck charm. It's the most important book I own," the Arizona beauty told the audience. "I would not describe my companionship with God as religion. I would call it faith."

Since her Miss America reign, she has authored several books for teenagers, appeared in a religious film, Teenage Diary, and made thousands of personal appearances at film premieres and crusades. She also records for the Word label.

Other upcoming guest stars for the 26 segments already "in the can" and for the 10 shows to be filmed next January, include country music singer Leroy Van Dyke, actor Harve Presnell and actress Joanie Sommers.

Like all Spring Street guests and regulars, they have something to be excited about—their Christian faith.



Minnie Pearl talks with C. B. Hogue, evangelism director for the Home Mission Board. — (HMB photo by Don Rutledge)

## Ministry To Commuting Students Proposed By NSM Conference

NASHVILLE — Are commuting students a lost cause for churches? Is it possible for churches and BSUs to develop a strategy for ministering to today's commuting student and his needs? Who is the commuting student? What are the differences in need, understanding, and approach which must be considered in a ministry to commuting students? These were the basic questions posed and discussed by a group of professional

student leaders meeting recently to develop a strategy for ministering to today's commuting college student.

Sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the conference involved representatives of National Student Ministries and 12 local and associate state directors of Baptist Student Work from 11 different states. The conference was designed in response to a demand for methods of ministering to

the increasing number of commuting students.

A majority of today's college and university students commute to and from the campus daily, with a large percent of them employed at least half-time. The community colleges, a phenomenon in themselves, are almost totally commuter and enroll approximately 25% of all college students. Add to this the hundreds of thousands in metropolitan universi-

ties and the mobility of many others commuting daily as far as 50 miles or more each way. The once-traditional student who lived on the campus where he studied is now very much part of a minority group.

In an attempt to describe the commuting student, the conference group determined such students might generally be categorized as one of the following:

(1) high school graduate going directly into college for a degree program;

(2) student enrolled in a vocational-technical program;

(3) middle-aged or older adult in a continuing education program, mainly in night school.

In addition, they recognized the vast differences between the needs and the problems of commuting students at four-year urban universities and those at two-year community colleges.

Some of the conclusions the conference group dealt with the unique needs of the commuting student and ways in which these needs can be met. The group singled out:

(1) a need for community and a sense of belonging;

(2) a sense of inadequacy, particularly in situations requiring leadership;

King Heights. On December 8, 1963, a new building there was dedicated to the Lord. It included an educational building and an adjoining sanctuary.

On Sunday, August 16, 1970, another dedication service was held. This time it was a building designed for children.

In 1970 the church purchased a new parsonage. The church is now involved in a full-time bus ministry.

The present membership is 750. The church has already started a building fund to build a new auditorium. The total 1972-73 budget was \$78,231.

### Eastside, Jackson, To Celebrate 42nd Anniversary

On September 16, Eastside Church, Pearl, will observe its 42nd anniversary with special guests, dinner on the ground, and afternoon singing. Among the guests will be Rex Braswell, a businessman from Hattiesburg; the Pearl Quartet; "Homeward Bound," a youth folk group from First Church, Pearl; a youth group, "The Proclamation," from Van Winkle, Jackson, along with other special groups.

This day also marks the beginning of a revival with evangelist Jack Hazlewood. September 16-23, week-night services will begin at 7:30. Rev.

Howard Benton is pastor; Herman Milner, Jr., is minister of music and youth.

On a Sunday afternoon in April of 1927, a group of workers from Calvary Church, Jackson, went over into East Jackson to witness for their Lord. They found no church, not even a Sunday School. They made preparation for a meeting on the following Sunday in the home of Mrs. Bob Dickson. A Sunday School was organized and it grew rapidly. By the summer of 1927, it had outgrown Mrs. Dickson's parlor. A small storehouse

on old Highway 80 was secured as a meeting place.

After about a year the storehouse was sold and the congregation met in the home of Mrs. M. G. Burnham until the spring of 1930. Then the Sunday School began to meet in the Eastside Lumber Company's shed on Highway 49. The Eastside Church (formerly Bethlehem) was organized on September 17, 1931. Seventeen members were received that day.

On November 4, 1951, a new building was dedicated to God.

In 1963, the church purchased a four-acre site on Patterson Drive in



Eastside, Jackson, 1973

## 'Hope' Is Theme Retreat For Single Parents Sept. 28-29

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Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

He served for seven years as director of the family ministry program, Baptist Sunday School Board, and since 1971 has been in his present position. He also served as Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church of Jackson. His parents and brother reside in Jackson.

Other topics to be dealt with include "Coping With Attitudes of Church Members Toward Divorced Persons," "The Church Meeting Special Needs of Single Parents," and "Echoes From Ridgecrest Single Adult Conference."

Provision is being made for the Friday evening meal at Alta Woods Church at 7:00 p.m. Reservations for the meal and requests for child care should be made by writing or calling the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 354-3704.

The meal cost is \$2.50 and child care will be provided at \$1.00 per session per child. Those needing motel accommodations should make them soon as the Mississippi State-Florida game is on this weekend.

Pastors and church staff leaders are welcome to attend the sessions of the retreat. Since the first announcement appeared in the Baptist Record, inquiries have come from Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee, as well as from many in Mississippi.

### Iuka Calls Pastor

Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, the past five and a half years, resigned



Aug. 26 and announced his acceptance of the pastorate of Iuka church.

Since going to Brookhaven he has seen the addition of 433 members of Easthaven, with the membership having grown to 900. Total receipts have increased by \$30,000 annually and mission contributions have also shown a substantial increase.

Under Mr. Dampier's direction Easthaven constructed an educational building. One kindergarten class was organized four years ago with 17 pupils, and today there are six classes with an enrollment of 121 pupils. A bus ministry was begun.

Mr. Dampier has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for five years.

Microfilm is expected to account for 17 percent of all photographic industry sales by 1985, exceeded only by still photography and photocopying.



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## EDITORIAL

### Caring For The Lord's Money

In I Corinthians 16:3-4, Paul gives evidence of his concern that money which had been given for the Lord's work should be properly handled. He suggested that the church "approve" men to carry the offering to the Jerusalem church to which it was to be sent, or to accompany him, if he was able to go.

Such proper handling of the Lord's money is even more important today. Sometimes, however, questions can be raised about the way that churches, and occasionally, even larger groups, handle financial affairs.

We once knew of a church where the treasurer regularly carried the offerings, uncounted, to his home, in a paper sack, to be put in a closet until he (alone) had time to count it. It is no wonder that there came a day when the church discovered through marked money, where one of the treasurer's teen-age sons was getting so much spending money.

We knew another treasurer who put the offering in a coffee can, and set it up on a shelf in his grocery until he had time during the week to count it.

As honest as these men may have been, and we do not charge that they were not, these hardly were responsi-

ble ways for caring for the Lord's money. We are thankful that few churches today would allow such careless handling of their funds.

Yet, even today, churches have sometimes become fiscally irresponsible in their financial programs. Within the past few weeks a very large church in another state has come under a cloud, because it did not follow responsible procedures in handling its bond program. There is no evidence that the church officials were in any way dishonest, or that any of them got one penny of the funds. Nevertheless, the church has received bad publicity, and has come under court orders, simply because it failed to follow unquestioned methods in doing the Lord's work, especially in the area of money. This is not the first church to get into similar problems for we can name two or three which have done so in recent years.

Serious problems have arisen in one state because the best procedures were not followed there in handling one fund in the Baptist state convention's program. Evidently, everything that was done was with approval of the state executive committee, and there has been presented no evidence of one penny misused for personal gain, yet a

splendid and beloved leader, who now is dead, died with a shadow over part of his work, simply because regular accounting procedures were not followed. Had he lived it seems evident that he could have explained every transaction, and answered every question. Nevertheless, because accepted procedures were not always faithfully followed, some questions never will be answered. This is tragic, and points up the absolute necessity for rigidly following the very best procedures in handling the Lord's money, whether by a church or a convention.

Approved procedures of accounting, reporting, budgeting, etc. have been developed for use in any size church, and these are available to the churches through stewardship departments of the states and the convention. Moreover, any church can get guidance in handling its finances from bankers or other business men within its membership, or in its community.

Let us remember that the dollars are the Lord's money, given by the Lord's people, for his work. Let every church, and every denominational organization determine that it shall be carefully and properly handled.

### Guarding Our Giving

While we are thinking about proper procedures for caring for the Lord's money, let us speak briefly of another facet of the problem. This deals with the individual church member and his giving.

Most of our Baptist people do the largest part of their giving through their churches, and this is proper. The tithe is the Lord's and the Lord's house is where we are commanded to bring it. At the same time, many Christians are able to give beyond the tithe, and to make special offerings to causes outside the regular church program. Every Christian is responsible to God that he do this in the right manner.

It seems that there are a multitude of appeals for every giver's dollar. There not only are the special appeals that come through our church and denomination, but also many persons receive appeals from a number of other sources. Somehow, many of our names get on mailing lists, which bring to us appeals from many groups.

Without question, many of these are worthy causes, but it is evident that this is not always so. Careful studies made of groups which regularly appeal to people across the nation, show that some of them actually do not need the funds, while others use almost all of their income for expenses and very little goes to the cause. Eternity Magazine, in its September, 1973 issue says editorially, "A 1970 New York survey of 200 philanthropies and foundations found out that almost one half of them doled out less than 6% of their assets. Some small operators spent virtually all that they collect paying themselves, and furnishing their offices." This does not mean that there are not many good causes, for there are, but it does mean that those who are going to give,

need to check up on how their gifts will be used.

Here in Jackson, recently, a telephone call brought a request for me to make a nice sized donation to help buy tickets to a certain program, as a benefit for a certain service club. I asked how much the club would get, and was reluctantly told that it would receive 5%. This meant that I would give a dollar for each five cents that actually was to go to the sponsoring agency. Obviously, I did not give, and I seriously question whether that club would have allowed its name to be used, had it stopped even for a few minutes to think of what was being done in its name.

What is true in other philanthropies also is true in the religious realm. While there are worthy causes such as Billy Graham, Wickliffe Translators, Bible Societies, and many others, there also are some that may not be so good. Beautiful folders or newspapers, heart (and pocket-book) touching stories, and well written letters, not necessarily mean that the money is going to a worthy cause. News stories last year revealed that the famed Boys Town in Nebraska, had become so wealthy that it no longer needs donations. Yet, it continues its nationwide appeal.

What can you do to be sure about your gifts? May we make two general suggestions?

1. Let most, if not all, of your giving be through your church, or at least channeled through your church. Money given to your church budget will be used as the church has voted for it to be spent. Almost all churches require regular financial reports and audits so they know where their money is going. Special convention sponsored appeals made through your church always are to causes where the funds are under

the direction of responsible boards or committees, and finances are audited. You thus know where your money is going and what is being done with it.

2. If you desire to make gifts to other special causes, just be sure that you know something about those causes, and that they are under the direction of responsible people. One does not have to be afraid to give to well known organizations for they are under the direction of responsible boards, and their finances are audited with reports being made available.

There are other appeals from causes or churches where those involved are not so widely known, yet the leadership is personally known to the person being solicited or to the church leaders. For example, there may be an appeal from a church in the pioneer areas, where the pastor is known, or denominational leaders in the area or known. There is no problem in knowing the facts in such a case and such giving is certainly to be encouraged. This also is true of some little known organizations. For example I am on the mailing list of an organization in California, which specializes in providing food for people in disaster areas. I know little about the organization, but I do know its director, so have no question concerning how the money will be used. I do not, however, respond to appeals concerning which I have only the information in the appeal itself, or in the attractive brochures which accompany it.

All that I am suggesting is that as you decide to respond to an appeal, just make certain that you have the information you need, so that you know that the money actually will be used for the cause intended. God holds each of us responsible for how we use the money which He has entrusted to us. Let us use it wisely.



Most Miss The Mark



A Woman's World Reaches Far

### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

We have this pesky new minister of music at our church. Well, he has been with us since February, but he is still new because he keeps springing things on us. That's why he's pesky, too.

You know that I have this love affair type thing going with words — their origins, meanings, etc., all caused, I'm sure by my high school Latin teacher, Miss Janice Calhoun, who insisted that we learn derivatives as well as Latin. Anyway, the word pesky, according to all the dictionaries I can find, means "troublesome." That's what I mean about our minister of music. (Stay with me, J. M. Wood. Things may get better. Then, again, they may not.)

When said minister of music arrived on our scene the last of February, he brought with him a fantastic book of music, THE CENTURION. He showed it to us and said, "Do you think you can be ready to do this by Easter?"

Nobody said a word or shook a head either way. Anyone in his right mind knew we could not possibly do such a thing.

"Good," he said. "Turn to page 1 and we'll get started."

Sure enough, we presented it Easter, complete with a moving drama.

One night, shortly after his arrival, he threw out the hint that we probably would sing "One Day" from memory one day before long. None of us said anything, but we all knew that the one day that we sang a song from memory would not be "before long."

What J. M. said was, "Close your music and let's see if you can do the first page."

Sure enough. Before long we sang "One Day" from memory.

What nobody has admitted yet is that we should have protested that first time. I guess we all thought it was to be a one time thing, this singing from memory, though.

But besides being pesky, J. M. is also sneaky. He has sneaked in several other songs that we would "probably sing from memory." Sure enough. We probably have.

All of this has been very good for us choir folks. I have always heard that people can do pretty much what their leaders expect and demand from them. Our minister of music has expected and demanded from us a great deal. For those of us who have responded there has been a sense of being good stewards, whether we are one-talent folks or better. When we leave choir practice at ten o'clock on Wednesday nights, fatigue is our companion.

But, you know, the nights I sleep best are the nights when I'm exhausted from having done that day the things I should have done. The new day that follows is better, too.

It's a bit troublesome to work hard, to memorize words, and be "snuck up on the blind side of," to be sure, but it surely is challenging to be a good follower of a good leader.

However, I have my eyes wide open now. I figure what he has in mind for a not-too-distant day is that we will sing every song from memory. All the time he is getting us to that day, we won't believe he is doing it.

Chances are that he will. Reckon then we will be so typical that we'll think it was all our idea? I'll let you know.

**BUILDING TODAY'S CHURCH** by Leslie Parrott (Baker, 228 pp., \$2.95) Practical discussion on pastoral leadership. Almost every facet of the pastor's work is included. This is a practical book with many suggestions.

**JOB, OUR CONTEMPORARY** by H. Harold Kent (Eerdmans, 92 pp., \$1.50) A fresh examination of the great sufferer of the Old Testament. Application is made to our modern life.

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Bus Breaks Down; Pelahatchie Comes To The Rescue

Dear Dr. Odle:

Last week the youth of our church attended a summer retreat at a fine camp near Canton. On the way down, our church bus broke down near the town of Pelahatchie. We did not know what to do! It was late in the afternoon. We were told by a automobile mechanic that the nearest place we would be able to get it repaired would be Jackson, twenty miles away. The bus would not make it that far. We contacted Brother Box Maddux, pastor of Pelahatchie Baptist Church and learned that his church owned a bus, almost new. We reluctantly inquired whether there would be any possibility of our borrowing their bus to use in the continuation of our trip. A. Jayman, Manning Cooper, and the pastor soon were able to grant us the permission to do so. Our youth and we sponsors were overwhelmed by such Christian generosity; it taught our youth an invaluable lesson in Christian hospitality.

We enjoyed a very fine retreat with many inspirational highlights. Pelahatchie Baptist Church helped make it possible. To the fine, wonderful people there, we all say, "THANK YOU."

James E. Parker, Pastor  
Oakland Heights Baptist Church  
Meridian, Mississippi

#### A Message For Women Who Feel Called To Preach

Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago you printed a letter from a young woman who felt that she was called to preach but could not find a Southern Baptist church to ordain her.

I believe there is a message for this young woman, and other young women who feel that they are called to preach, in the fifth chapter of Acts — especially Acts 5:14 through 29. In this scripture we find the apostles had been preaching in the Temple until the religious leaders had them arrested and told them never to preach about this Jesus again. Peter and the other apostles answered and said, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

This is the message for women who feel that they are called to preach — Obey God rather than men. If no church will ordain you, preach on the street corners, on radio, television, or wherever you can get an audience.

I believe you should obey God rather than men. If God called you to preach, He'll bless your ministry. If not, you will soon know it.

Leon N. Lewis  
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Yazoo City, Ms.

When distant horizons cease to challenge us, we ought to examine our bases; for, ceasing to be missionary, we no longer have a reason to exist.—A. Ben Oliver

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### NEWEST BOOKS

#### New Paperbacks

During the past few weeks we have received so many new paperback books that we are finding it necessary simply to list them. Some of these books certainly are worthy of a full review, but at this time we do not have the time or space to give such.

**UNA IGLESIA DINAMICA** by W. L. Howse and W. O. Thomason (Convention Press, 150 pp., paper) A Spanish edition of the new book "The Dynamic Church." Deals with the spirit and structure that the church should have in the decades of the seventies.

**IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I LAUGH** by Ethel Barrett (Regal, 260 pp., \$1.25) An unusual interpretation of the book of I Peter with its application to daily Christian living.

**I'M OK — YOU'RE OK** by Thomas A. Harris, MD (Revell, Spire Books, 317 pp., \$1.95) Paperback of one of America's No. 1 bestsellers in which the author presents the key ingredients to successful behaviour for happy living.

**THE CHALLENGING OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES** by Kenneth G. Howkins (InterVarsity, 150 pp., \$2.50) A volume especially written to help students prepare for study of the introduction of religion. Reveals the criticisms and biases which will be met and tells how to meet them.

**BIBLE CHARACTERS AND DOCTRINES, Volume VIII—VASHTI TO ELIHU. THE PERSON OF CHRIST** by E. M. Blacklock and James Philip VOLUME VII — UZZIAH TO DANIEL. THE LIFE OF CHRIST by E. M. Blacklock and H. L. Ellison (Eerdmans, 128 pp., \$1.50 ea.) Two books in a series of 16 volumes which will deal with

Bible Characters and Doctrines. These two begin with presentations of Bible Characters of the Old Testament and studies in the life and ministry of Christ. Evidently the series is prepared to be a guided study of the Bible and its teachings. The chapters are short, but each one presents a Scripture passage and a brief commentary.

**WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** by Bill R. Austin (Broadman, 95 pp., \$1.95) The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas, deals with life problems by using the Living Bible to answer them. Studies include such subjects as faith, proof of God, life, Christian growth, prayer, service, and others.

**JESUS SPELLS FREEDOM** by Michael Green (InterVarsity, 128 pp., \$1.50) In a day when freedom is an overworked word, the author discusses the freedom which people find in Christ. He also interprets just what this freedom means as it deals with many of life's questions and problems.

**THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF WATCHMAN NEE & WITNESS LEE** by James Mo-Oi Cheung (Christian Literature Crusade, 176 pp., \$1.45) Studies of the writings of the great Chinese Christian watchman Nee on the Bible teachings concerning the church. An interpretation of some of the concepts which have arisen concerning the teachings of Nee as interpreted by his successor Witness Lee.

**ADVANCING THE SMALLER CHURCH** by W. Curry Mavis (Baker, 190 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of a book which discusses the program and work of small churches, gives suggestions for advancing the kingdom through the work of the small church.

**HIS GUIDE TO LIFE ON THE CAMPUS** (InterVarsity Press, 127 pp., \$1.50) Articles from the student magazine "His" on life on the campus, shows the Christian student how to face the problems which may confront him on the modern campus.

**LIVING IT UP** by Jack Wiens (Regal, 138 pp., \$1.25) A book of cartoons and text giving the "Mad" type view of Christian living, written especially for youth.

**COME FLY WITH ME** by Lane Adams (Regal, 117 pp., \$1.25) Using the flying experience called "vertigo" which means thinking that you are right-side-up when you are upside-down, this widely known Presbyterian minister makes pointed application of this experience to Christian living. He asks Christian to consider whether they may be upside-down when they think they are flying along well for Christ.

**MAN IN MOTION** by Gary Collins (Creation House, 167 pp., \$2.95) The subtitle is the Psychology of Human Motivation. This is a book for church leaders on how and why people do the things that they do.

**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** edited by John B. Job (InterVarsity, 110 pp., \$1.95) Chapters by ten different writers on methods of Bible study, includes analysis, character study, word study, theme study, etc.

**A SPECIAL KIND OF MAN** edited by Gary Warner (Creation House, 236 pp., \$1.95) More than forty writers present brief messages concerning Christians who are in the field of athletics. As one reads he is convinced that these are a "special" kind of Christians.



## Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

God's Providence Reaches  
Beyond Our Limitations  
By R. Othel Feather

On a flight from Tokyo to Honolulu I was seated next to the window. My Japanese traveling companion occupied the aisle seat with a vacant seat between us. I did not speak Japanese and he has a very limited command of English.

We became acquainted by exchanging business cards. Fortunately, his card was printed in Japanese and English. He was a leading manufacturer of children's clothing in Tokyo, en route to the United States for business interviews with prominent clothing retailers across the nation.

Soon I was able to direct our conversation to spiritual values, inquiring about his religious background. Struggling with his limited English, he let me know that he was "definitely not a Buddhist." I tried to share my Christian testimony but he could not fully understand.

At this point he asked if his daughter might interpret for us.

She was seated with her mother across the aisle and at her father's request took the vacant seat between us. As we visited briefly, I learned that she was a graduate of an American university and interested in Christianity as the result of association with Catholic students on her university campus. It was easy to witness to her and through her to her father.

They did not make a definite commitment to Christ, but manifested mutual interest as the result of this, their first real encounter with evangelical Christianity by way of our personal witnessing interview. During three-way conversation, I had presented them with a small scripture tract which we read together. They agreed to study the tract further in the privacy of their family.

In the providence of God a language barrier was overcome. Two persons heard an explanation of the Christian faith and how one becomes a Christian even though it originally seemed impossible for me to communicate with only one person.

## Baptist Hospital

# Four Doctors Staff Emergency Room On Full-Time 'Round-The-Clock Basis

Mississippi Baptist Hospital has completed a full year of around-the-clock staffing of its emergency room by full-time physicians, and hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor says the concept has been "a success in every way."

Private physicians always have been — and continue to be — available to emergency-room patients, on call, and they still see about half of these patients, according to statistics compiled over the past year.

But the four emergency-room physicians are hospital employees, and one is in the emergency room at all times, ready to provide instant help as needed — especially in true emergency situations such as automobile accidents.

Considering the fact that over 2,000 patients are seen in the emergency room each month, this means plenty of work for the full-time physicians, who have no practice other than their work for the hospital.

The E. R. physicians work twelve hours at a stretch (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) for four straight days. Then they have four days off, while the other two physicians take over. They can swap schedules with each other if they care to.

They operate out of a small office just a few yards from the emergency room. One of the physicians describes the work as a full-time hospital-emergency-room physician this way.

"You get to handle an amazing variety of cases. So it's a fun way to practice medicine. It's right where medicine is all about. I don't believe I'd want to follow any other kind of practice, now that I've done this."

Although the twelve hours at a stretch for four consecutive days can be strenuous, the E. R. physician always has those four straight holidays to look forward to, and this is a major reason why the work attracts a physician who wants to spend more time with his family than he might otherwise be able to spend.

Private physicians like the idea of having a qualified physician on duty at all times in the emergency room, because this gives them more opportunity to rest when they need to, instead of making those 2 a. m. trips to the emergency room between long working days.

And the patient, of course, has a choice, because he can either see the full-time E. R. physician or summon his own physician to meet him in the emergency room.

But Americans are so transient

these days — so mobile — that many have not been in any one location long enough to have a family physician, so it is a convenient to them to find a full-time physician on duty in a hospital emergency room.

While many people erroneously assume that all hospitals have physicians on emergency-room duty around the clock, such is not the case. Very few hospitals do.

At the beginning, the E. R. physicians at Baptist Hospital saw about 38% of the emergency-room patients. Now, though, they are seeing over 55%. This indicates that the idea has proven itself to patients and to physicians in private practice.

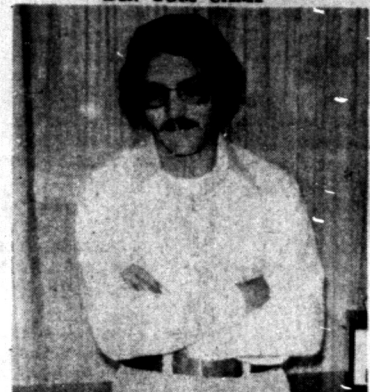
The new system has been in effect at Mississippi Baptist Hospital since July 1, 1972, and this was the first hospital in the Jackson area to initiate the new approach.

The emergency room at Mississippi Baptist Hospital is staffed by Dr. Tom Camp, Dr. Ronnie Christian, Dr. David Dale and Dr. Edwin Egger. Dr. Camp, who has the seniority, is in charge of the four-man "team."

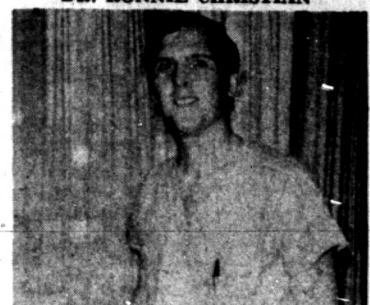
"The smallest package you'll ever see is a man wrapped up in himself." — J. D. Eldridge, Overton County (Tenn.) News.



DR. TOM CAMP



DR. RONNIE CHRISTIAN



DR. EDWIN EGGER

## The Convention President Speaks

There seems to be so much heartache in the world today. There is seldom a day goes by that I do not hear of someone in trouble. You will agree with me, I believe, that it is on every front. Of course, Watergate has occupied our attention so much lately until we somehow do not focus on other areas of life.

My thoughts are especially concerned with churches. In my opinion, Satan is at work more viciously in the body of Christ now than he has been in my public ministry. One of his most effective weapons is to divide the pastor and congregation. He uses many approaches to accomplish his work, but the end result is the same.

By the same token, the most effective weapon against Satan is a united church — maybe I should say, churches united individually and churches united one with another. Satan trembles at such a front.

But the big question is, how is this to be accomplished? People — most people — from every walk of life are on edge. They are tense. Thus they cannot be objective and at times, find themselves almost irrational.

I want to propose a way to help if not eliminate such difficulties. I believe the time has come when the children of God must unite in prayer for the defeat of Satan. It seems to me it is imperative that we get down to the business of seriously praying for one another. Let me assure you I am praying for you. I covet your prayers, for each of us needs the other. Let's put Satan in that cage where he belongs. — David Grant.

## Alta Woods Calls Minister Of Communications

Rev. Sidney D. "Butch" Conner has joined the staff of Alta Woods Church as minister of communications and outreach. Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor, has announced.

Mr. Conner will be in charge of the church's publications, promotion and outreach activities.

A native of San Angelo, Texas, the new staff member is a graduate of Angelo State University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and holds the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He also attended Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to joining the AWC staff, Mr. Conner was an assistant makeup editor with the New Orleans Times-Picayune, also previously working there as assistant news editor and copy editor. He also formerly was a director of news services at Louisiana College; information specialist with the office of public relations of the Baptist Sunday School Board; assistant state editor for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and religion editor and reporter for the San Angelo Standard-Times.

He also has served as pastor of Mitchell Church, Cisco, Tex. and Spring Creek Church, Weatherford, Tex.

He is married and has three sons and will reside at 3501 Meadow Lane in Jackson.

# Sophia Sutton Assembly Near Start Of 20th Year

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Sophia Sutton Assembly is nearing the end of its 19th year. On last February 20, at least 500 people flocked together into the auditorium for the 19th annual Founders' Day Program. Bright sunshine, hinting of spring, sparkled against the low white buildings sheltered in their hollow by surrounding hills. A high wind stirred the small lake. On a steep slope above the water a miniature amphitheater stood empty and silent under the bare-branched oaks, waiting for summer and Vespertime at camp. From the auditorium there came the emotion-filled, enthusiastic sound of singing — "Leaning — leaning — leaning on the everlasting arms."

Dr. Richard Brogan, director, Department of Work with National Baptists, recognized six persons who had been present for every Founders' Day: J. C. Burns, Wilmer James, Sidney Richmond, William P. Davis, J. E. Berts, and U. S. Polk.

Then the voice of a guest preacher poured forth in words that sounded like poetry. Dr. Robert Wilson of St. John Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, said:

"Who can look at the spring flowers and say there is no God?  
Who can look at the snow-capped peaks and say there is no God?  
Who can look at these tall pines and think there is no God?"

Since its beginning, Sophia Sutton Assembly has served as a pivotal point for Christian witnessing to the black population of Mississippi.

It was in 1954 that Mrs. Sophia Sutton Begley decided to trustees of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and their successors 100 acres in Jeff Davis County eight miles northwest of Prentiss. Her instructions were: "This land is to be used to multiply the power of the Lord in educational, recreational and spiritual advancement of Negroes, with primary emphasis on child development." Later her children gave nineteen more acres so that a road could be built to the property. A vine-covered log cabin, once a cotton house, was the only building then on the land.

The first Founders' Day could be pinpointed as February 23, 1955. That day was one of dedication and planning. W. A. Keel, director, Department of Work with Negroes, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was made chairman of the Planning and Fund Raising Committee. Others asked to serve with him were U. S. Polk, S. L. Richmond, and J. C. Burns.

The log cabin was reconditioned and a tent was put up for use as a temporary auditorium. Two years later ground was broken for the building of an auditorium. This structure was dedicated on the fourth Founders' Day, February 19, 1958.

Vacation Bible Schools, religious camps for youth, and leadership conferences became major activities. The Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union had been sponsoring camps for Negro boys and girls of the state for at least twenty years before that time, and perhaps even longer. Before the assembly opened, these camps had been held at Edwards and at Prentiss Institute and other places. After the assembly began its program, the WMU changed the campsite to Sophia Sutton. When the auditorium was new, the wings of the building were used as sleeping space for at least fifty girls who came to camp. The overflow (above 50) went to Prentiss Institute to sleep.

In late October of 1964, Dr. Wil-

liam P. Davis and Dr. S. L. Richmond were cleaning up the Sophia Sutton grounds one afternoon. Together they decided that the place had reached the peak of its usefulness until more adequate sleeping, eating, and recreational facilities could be added.

Dr. Davis was then director of the Convention Board's Department of Work with National Baptists. Dr. Richmond, a noted teacher and agricultural specialist, and a faithful National Baptist layman, had worked for the assembly in its early days for four years without pay. He had become part-time director of the assembly in 1957. Now he asked, "What shall we do?"

They were walking down a long hillside. Davis looked and looked. Puzzled, Richmond asked him what he was looking at.

"People. I see people here by the thousands."

Richmond smiled. "Then my vision must be blurred."

They staked out locations for dormitories, a kitchen, a swimming pool. By then the sun was down. They prayed that night for a way to make real the things they had staked out.

Assembly trustees made Richmond full-time director in 1965, and he took steps to secure a loan for recreational development of the property. Dorm, kitchen, new well, and swimming pool were dedicated October 31, 1965. Since that time an administration building has been added, as well as a snack shop, playground equipment, children's building, and library. All these are now paid for.

Overnight accommodations are available for roughly 185. Recreation activities include table tennis, swimming, basketball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, and table games such as checkers. Tennis courts are to be built soon. Five buses owned by the assembly help to furnish transportation for Vacation Bible School pupils as well as other groups.

This year Dr. Davis' vision of thousands of people at Sophia Sutton has come true. Since January 1, 1973, almost 39,000 have registered for camps, conferences, classes, workshops, conventions, recreation activities, retreats, etc. Of course, many of these were counted more than once, when they attended more than one type of conference or meeting. Yet thousands of individuals have been reached.

Director Richmond reports that 5,038 were in summer camps and

leadership conferences; 8,010 took part in the summer recreation program; 6,104 came for picnic outings and meetings of other religious groups (not Baptist); 120 were present for Boy Scout meetings; 179 registered for professional group conferences (MTA and NEA); 79 came for a Tri-County Congress; 115 took part in Baptist Student Union retreats and conferences; 126 were enrolled in Vacation Bible School; 19,200 (including personnel) were involved in Head Start conferences, workshops, training courses, child development program, adult education classes (extension classes from USM, and high school courses). The child development program begun in 1965 would no doubt have been in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Begley, who wanted the land used for the education of black children.

The Sophia Sutton Children's Development Choir specializes in hymns and gospel songs for radio and community programs.

Again this year, Mississippi WMU worked with National Baptists in the summer youth camps. There were three weeks of camp for girls and boys. The WMU will contribute \$3,000 toward the beginning of a small camping units, using money which was received through Special Day Offerings. In past the WMU has provided scholarships for girls to attend these camps.

Miss Waudine Storey has for fourteen years worked very closely with the National Baptists in the planning and carrying out of summer camps at Sophia Sutton. As state director of Mission Friends and Girls in Action, she of course is especially interested in the girls' camps. She is the liaison person between Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union and the National Baptist bodies of the state.

Overseeing the somewhat stupendous assembly operation is a regular full-time staff of only three persons — Dr. S. L. Richmond, director; Mrs. Alma Barnes and Mrs. Annie Mae Richmond, both assistant directors. Jointly the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board pay their salaries.

Three part-time employees help to clean the buildings and change the linens; four part-time cooks assist with food preparation as they are needed. This summer a full-time dietitian and director of recreation were employed just for the three-month season. Also on the summer staff were three students sent by the Church Music Department, MBCB;

21 Neighborhood Youth Corps workers, and five adult Mainstream workers.

The three students from the Music Department were Elaine Byrd, West Point, MSCW student; Jan Hannaford, Moss Point, USM student; and Semmone Harper, Indianola, MSCW. All three helped with music and recreation during a week of youth camps, and Elaine also helped one week during VBS. In the past, black students, through BSU and/or HMB, have sometimes helped.

Dr. Richmond is a talented and dedicated man who has given a great many years of his life to the development of Sophia Sutton Assembly.

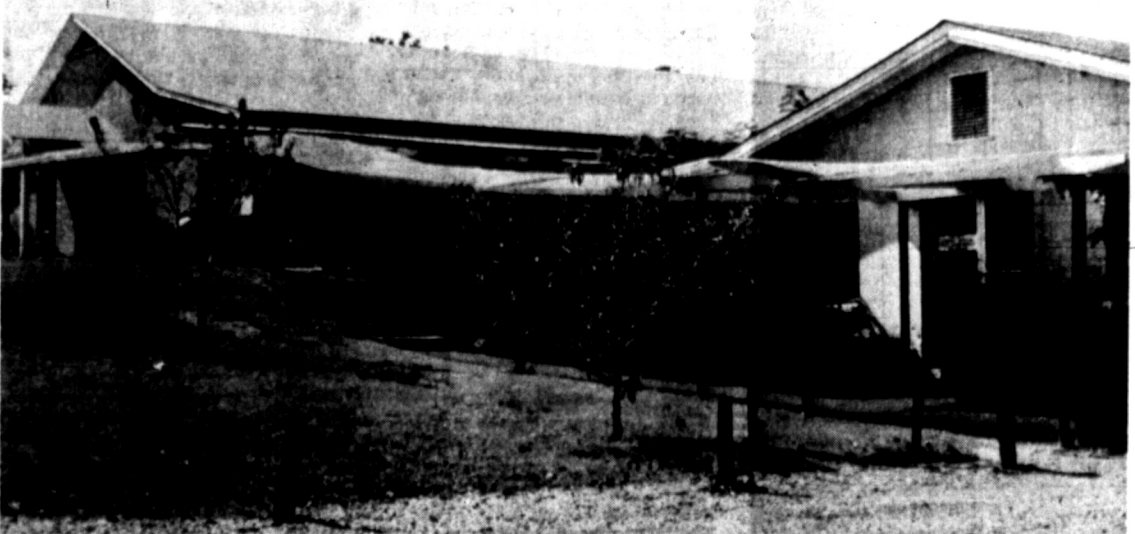
He was born in Jeff Davis County, March 28, 1919, and finished high school at Prentiss Institute. He graduated from Alcorn A&M; earned a Master's degree in Agricultural education, administration, and supervision from Tuskegee Institute; and was awarded a doctorate from Mississippi Baptist Seminary. For 21 years he served in the Jeff Davis school system, at Prentiss Institute and then at J. E. Johnson High School.

Fifteen of those years he was director of the agriculture department at Prentiss Institute.

A Christian since the age of nine, he is a member of the South Pleasant Baptist Church, Prentiss, and is very active in all church affairs, the association, convention, and various institutes.

He is married to the former Annie Mae Magee of Jeff Davis County. Mrs. Richmond is a graduate of Prentiss Institute and Jackson State College and has attended the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught school in Jeff Davis County from 1957 until 1970 when she joined the staff of the assembly. The Richmonds have four children: Bertha Lee Williams, who teaches in Neptune, New Jersey; Calvia Lee Richmond, who works with the Jeff Davis County Retarded Children's Association; Sidney, Jr., who works in New Orleans as medical technician; Charles, who is in dental school at University of Alabama.

The other regular staff member, Mrs. Alma Barnes, finished high school in Covington County and attended Jackson State College and Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Employed at Sophia Sutton since 1962, she is director of the youth camps. Her late husband, Rev. Eddie Barnes, was a Baptist preacher. She has two children, Eddie and Christine.



Auditorium and Administration Building, Sophia Sutton Assembly.

## TOKYO, Japan

Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan adopted a 3-year program strategy and heard leaders of the Japan Baptist Convention at their annual mission meeting at the Amagi Assembly Grounds near here. Shuichi Matsumura, convention president, and Yoshikazu Nakajima, convention executive secretary, urged the missionaries to rejoice in the determination of the convention to be independent and self-supporting, according to Missionary A. L. (Pete) Gillespie. The "program base design" to be implemented January 1, 1975, aims to define the mission strategy in Japan for the next three years. Missionaries also hope to begin using the new facilities of a 250,000 watt radio station for their Christian broadcasts as of January 1, 1974. Programs broadcast from the station, owned by the Far East Broadcasting Company, will be heard in Japan, Korea, China and other parts of Asia.





Billy Jack Green and People of the Way on Courthouse Square, Franklin, Ky.



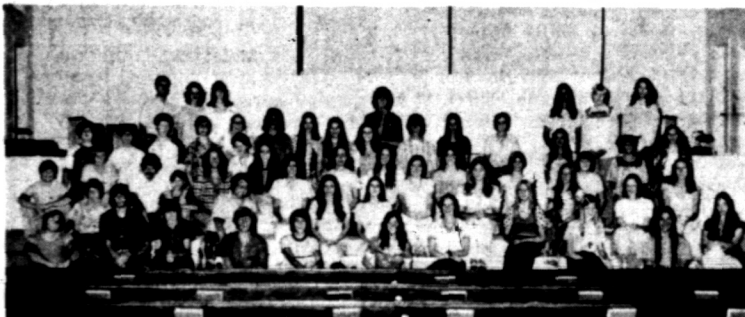
"All God's Children" Sing Of "Love"

"All God's Children," youth singers from Petal-Harvey Church, have completed a tour to Greenwood, Memphis, and St. Louis, in which they presented the musical, "Love." They also have presented performances at Petal-Harvey and Providence Churches. Other scheduled appearances were planned for Shiloh, Mobile; First, Foley, Ala.; and Eastlawn, Pascagoula. Many decisions have been recorded after each presentation. Rev. Toby Rowell is minister of music and education; Rev. Jerry Henderson is pastor.



Eastlawn Conducts Preaching-Singing Tour

Eastlawn Youth Choir of Pascagoula and the Eastlawn pastor, Rev. W. A. Wimbs, conducted a preaching and singing mission tour in August. The theme was "God's Will for Your Life." Appearances included Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg; Calvary, Shreveport; Southside, Gainesville, Texas; and First, Mansfield, Texas. The group visited six flags.



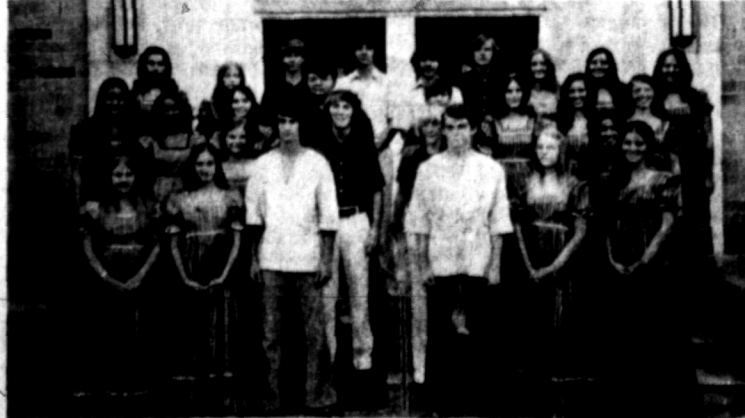
Highland And Wildwood Sing At Ridgcrest

Combined youth choirs of Highland and Wildwood Churches, Laurel, presented "Joy" during the second Church Training Youth Conference at Ridgcrest Conference Center. Other presentations by the choirs included Jones County Association Youth Night; Highland Church, Laurel; Ellisville State School; Clairmont Hills Church, Decatur, Ga.; and First Church, Gadsden, Ala. Wayne Meeks is minister of music at Wildwood and Jim Young is minister of music at Highland.



Hazlehurst Touring Choir Sings In Florida

The Touring Choir of First Church, Hazlehurst, has completed its second choir tour. The group visited Disney World in Orlando and presented concerts at First, Lucedale; in Graceville, Sanford, and Gulf Breeze, Florida, as well as their home church. The Touring Choir were boys and girls from Youth Choir who had been especially faithful in choir work and who had memorized the music. Donald Brown, minister of music and youth, directed the choir; Roy Daughdrill was pianist. Rev. George E. Meadows is pastor.



Highland, Meridian, Sings "Celebrate Life!"

The Youth Choir of Highland, Meridian, recently returned from a tour in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. During the tour many public decisions were made for Christ. The choir presented "Celebrate Life!" Summer youth director, Kathy Pitts, served as organist. Bob Gray is minister of music; Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton is pastor.

### Oh, For School

In school while bored stiff  
We thought, "Oh, for summer!"  
Then it arrived and after  
A week or two, we say,  
"Oh, for school again!"  
Then a week before it  
Starts again we say,  
"Where has the summer gone?"  
After a week or two of  
School again we think,  
"Oh, for summer once more!"  
—Mark Leggett

## Today's Youth



Spring Street Singer

Eva Aultman, of Oxford, Miss., is a member of the nationally - televised Spring Street Singers, sponsored by the Home Mission Board, SBC. Miss Aultman is a "regular" on the unusual new family entertainment television series, "Spring Street, USA," which is seen on three channels in Mississippi: Jackson — WAPT-TV — Channel 16, Saturdays at 7 p.m.; Hattiesburg — WDAM-TV — Channel 7, Sundays at 7:30 a.m.; and Greenwood — WABG-TV — Channel 6, Sundays at 8 a.m. Graduate of Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi, she is one of 12 talented young musicians who were selected after extensive auditions and tryouts. She is the daughter of Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, First Church, Columbia.



Sardis RAs "Clean Up"

Royal Ambassadors of Sardis Church, Hazlehurst, assisted their pastor-leader in preparing for revival services recently. They picked up two trailer loads of trash along the roadway surrounding the church and cemetery. Community as well as church benefited. Back row, 1 to r: Jerry Sills, Jimmy Sills, Larry Gandy; front: Rev. Robert Sanders, pastor, Dwayne Gandy, Mark Sanders, Allen Nash.

### Baptist Youth Sing On Prison Circuit

A Texas Baptist youth group went to prison this summer — seven times — in four states. The New Christian Singers traveled from Bethany Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., giving musical concerts in penitentiaries and correctional institutions in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

An estimated 10,000 inmates were in their audiences this summer.



Opus II Choir Sings At Cinderella's Castle

Under direction of Aubrey M. Gaskins, the Opus II Choir of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, in early August made a 1400-mile tour. They sang in Tupelo at the Downtown Mall and at Harrisburg Church. In Florida they gave concerts at Tallahassee, Orlando, Lakeland, and Altamonte Springs. In Georgia they sang at Jonesboro and Marietta. While at Disney World they presented a concert in front of Cinderella's Castle. The choir is accompanied by piano, trumpet, trombone, flute, and complete rhythm section. The Opus II Ensemble is a featured group with the Opus II Choir. After each sacred concert, the choir makes a costume change and presents a program of entertainment. Both the sacred and secular concerts are beamed toward the whole family. Dr. Robert Hamblin is the Harrisburg pastor.



Pelahatchie Youth Direct VBS In N. M.

Seventeen youth and four adult sponsors from Pelahatchie Church went on their first mission tour to New Mexico August 1-14. Concerts were presented at churches in Kilgore and Wichita Falls, Texas; Glorieta, New Mexico; and at Carlsbad Caverns. They conducted a 5-day Bible School for 55 Spanish-American children at Pecos, New Mexico on the grounds of the Roman Catholic Benedictine Monastery. Sightseeing stops were made at Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands, and Six Flags. The choir stayed at Glorieta Baptist Church while conducting the Bible School at Pecos. Dan Guest is music minister; Rev. Bob Maddux is pastor.

## People Of The Way Teach, Sing In Northeast

First Church of Columbia and Pastor Howard Aultman sent 56 young people to the Ohio and Pennsylvania state line for a week of Backyard Bible Schools and Open - Air Concerts. The group, known as People of the Way and Solid Rock, sang 28 times in 3300 miles of touring and enrolled over 300 in six schools.

Rev. Clifford Halford of Sharpsville, Pa., reports, "How we were blessed! We almost wanted to board their chartered bus and go back with them. The boys camped at our church, and the girls were in several homes in our area. They started a revival here

with 25 professions of faith and it is reported that there is a revival among them back home."

The youth worked with Rev. John Peterson at the Westside Baptist Chapel of New Castle, Pa.; with Rev. Paul Coffey at the Masury Baptist Chapel, Masury, Ohio; with Rev. Tom Theriot of Youngstown, Ohio; plus Rev. Halford at Sharpsville — Hickory — Sharon townships. "The personal one-to-one relationship between a Northern child and a Southern youth was something to behold," one observer remarked. The Missisippians were well received in every area.

The People sang from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to Cleveland, Ohio, anywhere, anytime, at the "drop of a hat." Bus driver Bob Williams was quoted as saying, "These kids have really got it; hold on, you've got it together."

Mrs. B. J. Green, Mrs. Richard Ball, Mrs. Billy Wilks, and Mark Bullock served as group leaders for the trip. And Minister of Music Billy Jack Green writes, "Our spiritual awakening to the power of God is always long overdue, but as it comes there also accompanies it a great joy for such service in Jesus' name."

## FMB Sponsors Musical Missions Team

RICHMOND — A musical missions team sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made its debut Aug. 16, during student week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Grain," a five - member group, will travel to college and seminary campuses this fall, interpreting missions through dialogue, music and personal sharing. They are also scheduled to appear at student week at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center and at various churches. Two group members are sons of

missionaries (MKs). Two have been overseas as missionary journeymen (a program for college graduates no older than 26 who work with career missionaries for two years). The fifth member has a brother and sister-in-law who are missionaries.

Dr. Stanley A. Nelson, associate secretary of the department of missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board, feels that "students need direct contact with people who have had overseas involvement" to get a realistic concept of missions and life overseas.

"I would hope that through 'Grain'

missions can be humanized," Nelson said. "We will present young people who are wholesome, yet vivacious, who will show that concern for mankind is where it's at today."

The idea of a touring group originated in 1970 during journeyman training when Nelson met with Bill O'Brien of Indonesia, missionary-in-residence for the 1970 program.

After O'Brien told Nelson about the effectiveness of touring Christian musical groups in Indonesia, they decided that such a group in the States could possibly help break down stereotypes.

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"Grain," a five-member musical team sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, will travel to colleges, seminaries, and churches this fall interpreting missions through music, dialogue, and personal sharing. Members are (left to right) Mary Kay Johnson, Steve Cheyne, Jerry Jones, Nancy Cride, and Scott Walker.



Mississippians On Glorieta Staff

Thirteen youth from Mississippi have been employed this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M. They include: Harry Kinard, Gulfport; Danny Gardner, Corinth; Rosie Davidson, Meridian; David Walker, Macon; Judy Hardy and Sherrie Theda, Cleveland; Mark Ginn, Valeria Moore, Dennis Ritchie, Jackson; Dianne Albritton, Heather Adams, Jane Willis, Becky Wise, all from Clinton. (Not pictured: Hardy, Theda, Adams.)

### Your Perfect Wisdom O! Creator

To stroll through a field unhurried and alone is something that some may never do. Why? Because now in our day of science and modern man, where there is such an open field and where would time allow one to stroll unhurried and alone?

Only one who takes time to find time knows the perfect wisdom of our creator. To stroll slowly with your

mind running free, to gaze, to admire the wonder of life, to see yourself as a part of a total creation. And yet some may never know, Creator, Your perfect wisdom.

—Pam Thurman

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).



The 1973 Summer Basketball Camp for senior high school girls was held at Blue Mountain College, and directed by Mari Hubbard of the college faculty, assisted by a number of professional coaches and BMC student coaches.



# Unity At The Lord's Table: Proper Observance Of The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34  
By Clifton J. Allen

We are to study about the meaning and proper observance of the Lord's Supper. It was instituted by Christ on the evening prior to his crucifixion. The truth to come to us through this lesson is to be learned negatively and positively. We learn from the shameful and shocking manner in which the church in Corinth observed the Supper how its meaning and purpose were perverted; and we learn from Paul's account of the institution of the Supper and his further instruction to the Corinthians the sublime truths set forth by its dramatic



symbolism and how Christians can join in observing the Supper for the praise of Christ and for enrichment and renewal in devotion to Christ. **SHOCKING SACRILEGE** (vv. 17-22) These verses describe what transpired at a common meal, which came to be called a love feast, that was climaxed by the observance of the Supper. The observance did not help the Christians; it made them worse. Disunity marked the assembly. The cliques were partly social in nature. The richer or well-to-do persons greedily and aggressively got the best food and the most food. The poorer persons, perhaps including slaves and likely having to come late after the day's work was done, were left hungry, all the food having been eaten. Mixed with the eating was excessive drinking, so that glut-

tony and drunkenness turned what was meant to be a love feast into a shameful exhibition of disorder and dissipation. Fellowship and unity were undermined. Poor and timid persons were humiliated. Gross misconduct showed contempt for the church of God. Paul had no word of commendation, only words of stern and deserved rebuke. Here is an example of something meant to be holy and rich with blessing turned into sacrilege, dissension, and frustration. **"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"** (vv. 23-26) Paul's word about receiving instruction from the Lord need not necessarily mean direct supernatural revelation. Paul was emphasizing the authentic meaning and purpose for the observance of the Supper. It was meant to be a memorial of the Lord's

sufferings. The identification of the bread with Christ's body and the cup with his blood should not be pressed into a literalism transforming, by some spiritual mystery, the bread and the fruit of the vine into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus. Rather, the bread and the cup are symbols to represent his body and blood. We symbolize our partaking by faith of the benefits of the Lord's sacrifice on

the cross. We celebrate the Supper to remind ourselves that our redemption has come at the greatest cost. We remind ourselves also of the obligation resting on us to share in his sufferings for the ultimate fulfillment of his redemptive mission. The observance of the Supper is at the same time a sharing with other believers in the most meaningful worship, and so it is both the expression of and parti-

cipation in the unity of the body of Christ. As we thus celebrate with grateful memory the death of Christ, we declare also the fact of his resurrection and our certain hope of his coming again at the end of the age. **MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE** Verses 27-34 of our larger lesson passage should be carefully considered. To participate in the Supper unworthily is to become guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. This is great sin. There is no thought here of being worthy to participate in the Supper. No Christian is worthy of what Christ has done for our salvation. We should prepare for the observance of the Supper with serious spiritual self-examination. Have we been true to our vows of devotion to the Lord? Are we yielding to the besetting sins? Has jealousy, hostility, pride, or covetousness created a breach in our fellowship with other Christians? Is there unforgiveness in our hearts? Is there indifference and lack of involvement with respect to helping persons in the world around us? Are we growing in our love for the Lord? All these are questions of utmost relevance to challenge the preparation of mind and heart as we join in observing the Supper. There are surely serious spiritual consequences resulting from irreverence and dissipation in observing the Supper.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Ezekiel: God Is Our Hope

Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
By Bill Duncan

When the first C-141 Starlifter with the red crosses on its tail slipped onto the runway at Clark Field in the Philippines, millions were watching.

The world saw the first returning POW walk with surprising briskness through the door to be greeted by many well-wishers. Over a microphone they heard him say huskily, "God bless America."

We soon learned that the POWs had been vilified, tortured and beaten inhumanly by their captors. Along with the horror came the inspiring stories of spiritual awakening and renewal that explain how the surviving POWs made it through. The chaplain who gave initial counseling at Clark Field said, "The key to their survival and their mental health was a deep, growing relationship with God." One POW said, "Everything else was stripped from us, and we were left with only our faith in God." One of the POWs that spent twenty-nine months in solitary confinement, with one stretch lasting eleven months said, "Prayer kept me alive and sane. There is no other explanation."

Just as our modern POWs found faith in God to be their source of help for hope while in captivity so did the Jews many years ago. God has given Himself to those in such need.

Ezekiel was the star figure of the exile. He was a quiet pastor, unassuming guide and counselor for the Jews. Ezekiel was taken to Babylon in 597 B. C. along with the first host of residents of Jerusalem. He had grown up in Jerusalem and served as a priest in the Temple. He was located in the exile along with many of the captives on the river Chebar where he received his vision and call to prophesy. While Ezekiel was at the river Chebar, Jeremiah was preach-

ing in Jerusalem and Daniel was being established in the King's palace. The call of Ezekiel (1:1-3:21) was a divine challenge to service. He was unhappy in exile but his people with him needed him to lead them in thought and worship. He identified himself with the people in knowing their sorrows, doubts, fears, hopes and aims of the people to whom he was to minister. Ezekiel was conscious of the fearful responsibility to deliver God's message to every person.

The first six years Ezekiel preached to people who expected Jerusalem to stand where they could return to the old home and enjoy the Temple again. The experience of Ezekiel was very unusual. In order to teach the people the news of the fall of Jerusalem, God told Ezekiel his wife was going to die and he must face the grief with dry eyes. With a strange display of courage, the prophet met the emergency and explained the coming destruction of Jerusalem. But the more difficult task was in convincing the people that the calamity was due to their sins which made suffering necessary. The prophet tried to get the people to be willing to bow to the will of God, accept his correction and look forward to the future when the seventy years would end and the arm of God would be thrust forth to lead his own people back home. After the fall of Jerusalem many thousands of Jews were taken to Babylon where Ezekiel tried to interpret and show hope to the discouraged captives.

During the captivity Ezekiel was so intimately bound up with the religious life of the exiles that he must be credited in part with their new conception of Jehovah God not just as a local God but as the nation's God as well. Under Ezekiel's instruction, they realized their duty to exemplify the highest standards of religious living in the presence of the debasing forms of paganism.

**THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT** Where is the foundation for hope? Ezekiel looked upon a scene that was

the ultimate of hopelessness: a valley full of dry scattered bones. It was to remind him of the people to whom God commanded him to preach the word of God. Can these bones live again? The parallel question pertaining to Israel is, "Can the scattered people become a nation again?"

As the prophet spoke the whole scene suddenly became alive with action: noise, movement of the earth, bones connecting and flesh forming into bodies, but no life. God commanded Ezekiel to prophesy to the winds and the Spirit breathed life into the bodies.

The explanation confirmed Ezekiel's hope in God. When there was no hope for the nation, God was able to bring life out of the impossible. The people who were scattered into many sections of the world through captivity and persecution would come together into a strong nation. This was because of the power of God and the promise of God. The people of God had been promised: "You shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Ez. 36:28).

The great explanation for hope in any situation is the promise of God whose Spirit solves the problems of man's disobedience. Man cannot achieve the goals of God or even his own goals. But, God is faithful. Our hope is not in ourselves but in God.

The greatest wars are not fought in jungles or ditches but in lonely hearts. Many people do not believe anything good is going to happen to them. Too many look down and not up. God, who was the source of salvation for Ezekiel, POWs and Israel, is the only source for our nation as well. Faith (commitment and abiding in him) is our only hope to cope with our problems. Out of struggles with life where hope and faith become stronger, life becomes sweet in spite of difficulties.

## Meadville Fifth-Sixth Grades Edit "Galilee Times"

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Departments of Meadville Church edited a newspaper during Vacation Bible School this summer. They called it "The Galilee Times." Joey Cotton was the editor.

The lead story by Karen Lazarus reported a personal interview with Simon Peter concerning his call to follow Jesus.

Illustrations included a comic strip about Simon Peter's call and a portrait of Simon Peter drawn by Silvia Prather.

The editor's column, relating VBS events, was entitled "Joey's Junk." Feature stories on James and Simon Peter were written by Donna Buckles and Kaye Hunt and Vicki Hunt edited the joke column.

"Rompin' with Richard" was Richard Wicker's title for his column about game and refreshment time.

Besides editing a paper, the two departments also wrote a play, "Thirty Pieces of Silver." Writers included Sharon Bowlin, Johnny Palmer, Mark Davis, Sherry Campbell, Lindy Hoover, Mark Warnock, and Bubba Gabbert.

In 1964, only 9 years ago, the interest on the federal debt was \$10 1/2 billion. In the next fiscal year it will require more than double that amount — \$27 1/2 billion — to pay the interest on the debt.



"Truth" To Sing In Vicksburg

Bowamr Avenue of Vicksburg, will be the next stop for TRUTH, a contemporary gospel music ministry based in Mobile, Alabama. The concert performance will be Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Auditorium. This group of six singers and nine piece orchestra is directed by John Roger Breland. TRUTH has presented over 2,000 concerts in more than 30 states. In September, they will sing for the Southern Governors' Conference.

## Ridgecrest, Jackson

### Youth Choirs Carry Music To Mexico

QUERETARO, Mexico — Four Baptist youth choirs from the United States recently discovered that Mexican people love and appreciate all kinds of music.

Choirs from Washington, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas presented concerts this summer in churches, parks, shopping centers, municipal auditoriums and on radio and television in their neighboring country.

The youth choir of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., presented programs in the states of Guanajuato and Queretaro, working with

missionary E. Richard Steel. Jim Hardin directed the group. The choir sang in some churches that had never heard a North American choir. One pastor remarked, "This is one of the best programs that our church has ever had."

Coming at their own expense, the groups presented at least half of their programs in Spanish. Since less than ten people among the combined groups speak Spanish, this was a remarkable feat. Norman White remarked, "The Mexican people will listen to English, but nothing really happens until they start hearing Spanish."

## FMB-Sponsored Team

(Continued from page 6)

eotypes about missions.

The idea became reality this spring when Jerry Jones, a group member and staff assistant to Nelson, met several young people who had suitable backgrounds for the group.

"We want to tell what the overseas opportunities are for missionary service," Nelson said. "The group will present the basic information and facts that God can use to call some to mission involvement."

Though most performances will be in concert, "Grain" will have opportunities to "rap" with students and share their personal overseas experiences.

"There will be an emphasis on naturalness in performance," Jones said. Stage equipment will be limited to essentials with hurricane lamps lighting the stage rather than spotlights.

The performance will feature contemporary music, both religious and secular, interspersed with audience dialogue.

Members of the group were chosen on the basis of their personal interest and involvement in missions and musical ability.

Steve Cheyne lived in Rhodesia for 13 years and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where his parents are missionaries. His brother David is currently a journeyman in Kenya. Cheyne attended Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., two years.

Scott Walker of Atlanta, Ga., has lived in the Philippines, where his parents were missionaries. His father, the late E. H. Walker, was president of the Philippine Baptist Seminary at the time of his death in 1965. Walker is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and attended Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He served as a summer missionary in Liberia in 1972 and spent a summer in Honduras with a medical missions team.

Mary Kay Johnson of Richmond, Va., served as a journeyman in Dalat, South Vietnam. A native of Groom, Tex., she taught school in the Richmond area and worked as an editorial assistant at the Foreign Mission Board after returning to the States. She spent the summer of 1971 as Richmond's "community ambassador" to Uganda.

Jerry Jones was a journeyman to Salzburg, Austria, from 1970 - 1972.

**WATERLOO, Belgium** — Nearly 200 persons attended a rally beginning an evangelistic campaign at Malmédy in connection with the Belgian Baptist Union's "interior mission." The "interior mission" was organized during the union's 1971 general assembly "to aid churches of the union in evangelization and church development" and "to create new mission posts for evangelization in the various regions of the country, either directly or in cooperation with one or several churches." Scripture readings and prayers at the rally were conducted in the four languages of the participants — French, German, English and Polish.

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## Olivet To Dedicate New Building

Dedication of the new addition to Olivet Church, Klein Road, Gulfport, will be held on Sunday, September 16. The dedication sermon will be preached at 2 p.m. by Rev. A. T. Walker, former pastor of the church. Other pastors and former members have been extended an invitation to attend the services, dinner-on-the-grounds, and the singing program in the afternoon.

The Melody Makers of Gulfport will be the featured singing group, along with the Olivet Ladies' Trio, and other local and visiting singers. Rev. Floyd E. Hughes is the pastor.

## State Man To Work In Nevada In HMB's US-2 Program

The Home Mission Board, SBC, has appointed Glen Shows of Brookhaven as a US-2 worker, to serve in northern Nevada.

Under the Church Extension Department, Mr. Shows will be working in missions, day camps, on Indian reservations, and in other types of work. His address is Box 605, Carlin, Nevada 89822. His home church is First Church, Brookhaven, Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor.

Mr. Shows is a graduate of Clarke College and Louisiana College.

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### Unity, Columbus, Dedicates Sanctuary

Unity Church, Columbus, observed Dedication Sunday August 12 for their new sanctuary. Growth experienced by the church had made the old facilities unable to accommodate its members. Deacons for Unity Church are: Buddy Stewart, Ernie Hotard, Shelton Ladner, Don Baxter, Joe Peck Craft; chairman of Deacons—Gary Miller. The pastor is Rev. James W. Hickman; song leader is Dick Welsh. Building supervisor was J. B. Mitchell. Special guests for the occasion were: Melody Makers Gospel Singing Group, and Rev. Cal Cooley and Family. The new sanctuary will seat 327. A new record of 201 was set in Sunday School on this special day. Also chairs had to be placed in the new buildings for the morning service.

### Rankin County Lay Institute Scheduled

Approximately 350 people are expected to attend the Rankin County Lay Institute for Evangelism at First Church, Pearl, October 17-21.

The cost for the week of training will cover admission to five lectures and five seminars and a complete manual for each one registered. The lectures are designed to explain how one can experience a vital, meaningful Christian life. Communicating the Christian life effectively to others will be discussed in practical seminar sessions for men, women and youth.

Rankin County pastors and laymen are sponsoring the Lay Institute For Evangelism. Plemon Ming of Andrew Jackson Life Insurance Company, is

Brandon, is chairman of the pastors' committee. Other committee members are: Prayer Director: James McDill; Publicity Director: Jerry Boyer; Registrar and Treasurer: Rev. C. G. Ingram; Visitation Director: Don Moulder; Facilities Director: Sam Nichols; Materials Sales Director: Harvey Munn; Women's Committee Chairman: Mrs. Doris Everitt; Youth Director: Rev. Dean Hunter.

The L.I.F.E. is interdenominational. Churches from throughout Rankin County are expected to participate. The Lay Division of Campus Crusade for Christ International will conduct the Lay Institute for Evangelism. Campus Crusade is an interdenominational student and Lay Christian movement.

Thousands of church members have been trained in Lay Institutes for Evangelism in cities throughout this country and other countries in recent years. The total cost of the training is \$7 per person.

**TEMUCO, Chile**—Ervin E. Haste, Southern Baptist representative to Mexico, conducted a week-long Witness Involvement Now (WIN) clinic at First Baptist Church here. National pastors and laymen, along with Baptist missionaries, attended the study. During visitation night, 47 visits resulted in 19 professions of faith.

### Spring Hill Homecoming

September 16 will be homecoming day at Spring Hill Church in Marshall County. Rev. Frank Cox of New Albany, former pastor, will preach at the 11 o'clock worship hour. After dinner - on - the - grounds, there will be an afternoon of worship in song. The Gospel Echoes of Cornersville church will be featured in special music.

The pastor, Rev. Clyde Thompson, and church members invite friends, singers, former pastors and former members to attend. The heading the planning committee. Rev. Tom Baddley, pastor of First Church,

### 'Christmas In July':

## Love For Retarded Children



**GLORIETA, N. M.**—The sweet, crisp smell of the tall pine tree was nearly overpowering. Bulbs, lights, stars and tinsel ornaments ornamented the sweeping dark green, needled branches.

Presents stacked upon presents were cradled around its enormous trunk as if the tree itself was guarding them—protecting them for someone very special. All the gifts were wrapped in paper of blues, greens, reds and yellows, with rainbow-colored ribbon snugly binding each one.

It was a sticky 80 - degrees outside, but decorations could be seen everywhere. Not a snow-bearing cloud in the clear turquoise sky, but still carols echoed off the heights of the surrounding mountains and settled in the peaceful valley.

Anticipation of the approaching events settled thickly in the warm

night air. Excitement reached the boiling point; then boiled over. Gaiety was everywhere!

Shhhhhh! All was quiet—"silent as a mouse." No one moved or so much as batted an eye-lash. All sat still and waited. Waiting for his expected arrival.

Listen! What was that? Nothing. There it is again...and again! The faint, distant sound was music to the children's ears. The steady, rhythmic pounding of hoofs shook the floor. The sound grew louder and louder...

...louder and louder, until it was light outside the door!

Listen! There was no mistake—it was that low, deep familiar voice. "Ho, ho, ho," the voice sounded and resounded around the room—echoing off the walls, floor and ceiling. "He's here," laughed one child in a muffled voice.

Suddenly, he burst through the door. The children could not be contained any longer. They surrounded the white-bearded man, tugging and pulling at his sleeves and coat-tail. He could hardly keep his balance struggling with the children beneath the heavy load of his over-flowing bag of toys.

With a wink of a big blue eye, he silenced the children once more and they sat down, waiting for what was sure to follow.

He most assuredly was an odd sight. Clad in stocking-cap and velvet suit, both in bright red. His heavy boots and thick silver-buckled belt were black. With his wind-burned cheeks and snow-covered shoulders he was a sight to behold, appearing to have just stepped off the North

### Devotional

## A Holy Anointing

1 John 2:20,27

By Gus Merritt, Pastor, First, Lexington

Our joy is complete in Jesus Christ. The moment we repent of sin and receive Christ as Lord and Savior, God causes the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our heart. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Think of it! The power of the resurrection dwells in the believer. There is no room for despair and gloom.



The anointing of the Holy Spirit takes place at conversion and is once for all. This corresponds to the anointing with oil the priests in the Old Testament. The anointing of the priests was a shadow of things to come. This anointing was for a lifetime. We are priests before God with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and are made adequate for any situation in which God wants to put us.

In dwelling the believer is the knowledge and leadership necessary for our well being. The way to release this power and person of the Holy Spirit is to submit to His absolute authority. When this is done we will have the life of the Lord Jesus revealed in and through us.

We have a dual abiding. We abide in Christ. The Holy Spirit has baptized us into the body of Christ placing us in vital union with Christ. Christ abides in us in the person of the Holy Spirit. He does what we are unable to do in the flesh. He keeps the law. Christ performs the tasks and achieves the victory. Our part is submission and praise to Him.

Because of our anointing we can sing the following:

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
And put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
Thru His Eternal Son  
Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
And in His mighty power  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.

### Coupons Needed

## Bus Project Continued For Boys' Ranch

A project to get a bus for the Ballie Memorial Boys' Ranch in southeastern Washington is continuing. The ranch is an institution of the Northwest Baptist Convention.

The WMU of Inland Empire Baptist Association, Spokane, Wash., has been notified that deadline for acceptance of BETTY CROCKER coupons for the bus is December 18, 1973. Expired coupons are acceptable. In order to prepare and package coupons, the deadline for the WMU's accepting them must be November 15.

A lot of coupons are needed in a short time. If you—your church—your friends—your relatives—would like to help, there are 24 boys at the Ranch awaiting your decision. You may send coupons to: Inland Empire Baptist Association, E. 7203 Euclid, Spokane, Washington 99206.

### Courts Redford Week At SWBC

President James L. Sells of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., declared September 3-7 as Courts Redford Week at the college. The special week honored Dr. Courts Redford who was president of Southwest from 1930 until 1943 and former executive secretary, Home Mission Board. Dr. and Mrs. Redford are currently in retirement residing in Bolivar.

The week of special activities formally launched the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations. In addition to the regular major in Christianity which has been offered for several years, new programs have been developed, such as the two-year Certificate in Theology, a Church Recreation major, a Church Music major, and the correspondence type Tape Study Plan. The work of the Redford School is designed to help laymen as well as those in Church vocations, and is not limited to Baptists.

## Calhoun City Calls Pastor

Rev. Charles C. Brock, pastor of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, for eight years, resigned September 2. He will become pastor of First Church, Calhoun City.



The property value of Grace Memorial has increased over \$500,000 during his time of service. The church has built a new educational plant, new pastorial and rebuilt all facilities after a \$250,000 fire in 1967. After

Camille, \$25,000 worth of church repairs had to be made. Grace Memorial Church, under Brock's leadership, was the first Baptist church on the Coast after Hurricane Camille to open for public distribution of food, clothing, and emergency supplies.

Mr. Brock has served as president of the Gulfport Ministerial Association, members of the Decency Committee for Harrison and Hancock Counties, executive board member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, counselor chairman for the Grady Wilson Crusade and twice counselor chairman for the James Robison Crusade. At present he is Chairman of the Evangelism Committee of Gulf Coast Association and chaplain of the Gulfport Goodwill Center. He has had two weekly radio broadcasts for the past eight years.

Sunday School attendance at Grace Memorial has doubled in the past year since the church's seven outreach buses have been provided. The annual budget has more than doubled in eight years.

The Brocks have two children, David, 15, and Debra, 7.

## Revival Dates

**Providence (Lebanon):** Sept. 16-21; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; weekdays at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Gall W. DeBord, pastor, First Church, Long Beach, evangelist; music under direction of Dr. Donald Winters, Chairman, Department of Music, William Carey College; Dr. Jerry E. Oswalt, pastor.

**New Hope, Gulfport:** September 16-21; Rev. J. W. Brister, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association, evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director of Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, leading the music; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jerry Estes, pastor.

## Off The Record

"Good News! I've saved enough money for us to go to Europe!" she said excitedly.

"Wonderful!" responded her husband. "When do we leave?"

"As soon as I've saved enough for us to come back," explained the wife.

The nervous surgeon turned to the medical students who were watching him perform an operation. He said, "Will the person who keeps saying 'Oops' please leave?"

**Driver to officer** arresting him for speeding: "But, officer, I couldn't slow down while you were going so fast right behind me!"

"We understand that there was a doctor's prescription that was so illegible that his patient was able to get into theatres and ball games with it, used it as a railway pass for three years, and finally gave it to his daughter, who played it on the piano and won a scholarship to a music conservatory."

—Back Talk

Things were pretty rough on the home front during World War II. This was a California newspaper: "Owner of truck would like to correspond with a widow who owns two tires. Object: matrimony. Send picture of tires."

## Autry Gives Library To Mid-America

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.**—Dr. C. E. Autrey, former head of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, has announced that he will give his entire library to Mid-America Baptist Seminary. Currently living in Pensacola, Florida, Dr. Autrey spoke recently on Founders' Day at the school.

Enrollment at Mid-America Seminary for the fall quarter totaled 85, according to Dr. B. Gray Allison, president of the seminary. This is more than three times initial enrollment at the school which began last fall, using facilities of Olivet Baptist Church here.

"The fact that 18 states are represented in our student body gives additional encouragement that we are meeting a definite need," Dr. Allison said.

The seminary majors on practical evangelism and missions. More than



### New Scholarship At BMC

The Robert Alvis Scholarship has been established and endowed by Mrs. Hellon Alvis in memory of her husband. The scholarship is to be awarded annually to a ministerial student whose academic record and dedication give promise to usefulness in the pastoral ministry. The award is made at the discretion of the Head of the Bible Department at Blue Mountain College.

Shown presenting the Memorial Scholarship check for \$2,000 to Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of the college (left), is Mrs. Hellon Alvis of Potts Camp (seated), while Dr. James L. Travis, head of the College Bible Department, (right), looks on with gratitude. (Dr. Travis is a former pastor of Potts Camp Church. During his ministry there the late Robert Alvis was contractor for the construction of the new sanctuary of that church.)



### Piano Donated As Hebron Enters Building Program

A Story and Clarke piano has been donated to Hebron Church, Bentonla, (Yazoo) by Kaye Hilderbrand, pictured at right. (Seated is Mrs. Carolyn McGraw, church pianist, and at center is the pastor, Rev. Billy Ray Therrell.) The piano has been dedicated to the Lord's work in memory of Miss Hilderbrand's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hilderbrand. Hebron Church has entered an extensive building program which will include a new sanctuary and educational complex.

Pole.

But that couldn't be! It was a warm summer night and snow hadn't blanketed these mountains since January—and here it was July!

Yes, it was odd indeed but there was no denying it—this was Christmas. It was "Christmas in July" for 16 retarded children from "Ranchos de los Angelitos" (Ranch of the Angels) in Santa Fe.

The 16 youth were only a small handful of the 80 retarded children remaining in Dallas, Tex., where they live at "Children's Haven." It is a private institution which cares for the children year-round and each summer brings 16 to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Northern New Mexico.

Although the children come from several states, most are from Louisiana, Illinois and Texas. In most cases they were abandoned by their parents and the State Welfare Departments sent them to "Children's Haven" for schooling and up-bringing.

Well, "Christmas in July" became a reality when the summer staff at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center—400 high school and college youth—decided to "do something" for the



children. Thus the idea of Christmas complete with Santa Claus, presents and, of course, the Bible story of the baby Jesus.

Everyone enjoyed themselves but there was one misgiving everyone shared. This was "Christmas in July" for only 16 retarded children compared to many thousands in the United States who need good, old-fashioned Christian love and affection.

## Check This List . . . You May Be Next!

Next Week's Schedule . . . Pastor-Church Training Director Conferences

### "What's New For 1973-74"

Association	Meeting Place	Conference Leader
Jones Association	September 17, Monday	
Marshall Association	Bethlehem Church	David McCubbin
Prentiss Association	First Church, Holly Springs	Bill Latham
Tippah Association	Fairview Church	Norman A. Rodgers
Zion Association	Tipplersville Church	Kermit S. King
Attala Association	First Church, Eupora	Bill Hardy
Lowndes Association	Parkway Church	David Roddy
	Antioch Church	Dale Oden
Benton Association	September 18, Tuesday	
Itawamba Association	Pine Grove Church	Kermit S. King
Lafayette Association	Dorsey Church	Norman A. Rodgers
Sunflower Association	First Church, Oxford	Bill Latham
	Ruileville Church	Bob McKee
Neshoba-Kemper Asso.	September 20, Thursday	
Union County Asso.	East Philadelphia Church	Bill Latham
	First Church, New Albany	Norman A. Rodgers

Prentiss, Itawamba, 7:00 p.m. Others 7:30 p.m.

### Conference Leaders

Bill Hardy, minister of education, First Church, Kosciusko; Bob McKee, minister of education, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Dale Oden, minister of education, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; David Roddy, minister of education, First Church, Jackson; David McCubbin, associate pastor, First Church, Meridian; Kermit S. King, Norman Rodgers, and Bill Latham, Mississippi Church Training Department.



### Glendale Receives Award For Fourth Time

Pictured, l to r, B. M. Oglesby, Sunday School director; Mrs. Faye Rodgers—Children's I Director; Mrs. Nell Smith, worker; Mrs. Annie West, worker; Rev. J. R. Chittom, pastor; Mrs. Jean Nichols, worker; and Mrs. Susie Cochran, trainee. Mrs. Rodgers and the workers at Glendale Church, Leland, have completed all requirements for the Distinguished Award presented by the Sunday School Board. This department has received this reward for four years in succession.